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AKASA AIR, SPICEJET FLIGHTS WITH 300 PASSENGERS COLLIDE AT DELHI AIRPORT
Narrow escape for passengers after incoming SpiceJet flight came in contact with a stationary Akasa aircraft waiting to depart. None was hurt

BOTH AIRCRAFT BELONGED TO BOEING 737 SERIES
Both aircraft were damaged in the collision and were grounded. The bizarre incident happened in the apron area of Terminal 1 at 2.15 pm. The right winglet of the SpiceJet flight (Boeing 737-700) was damaged while the left hand horizontal stabiliser of Akasa Air (Boeing 737 MAX 8) suffered damages, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said

PASSENGERS DISEMBARK SAFELY, NONE HURT
■ Akasa Air's plane was to operate flight QP 1406 from Delhi to Hyderabad, while the SpiceJet aircraft had arrived from Leh after operating the flight SG 124, officials said
■ After the incident, all passengers disembarked safely. Akasa Air said it would make arrangements to fly its passengers to Hyderabad

DGCA

THE AVIATION WATCHDOG HAS BEGUN ITS PROBE INTO THE DELHI AIRPORT INCIDENT

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RELIEF FOR BENGAL VOTERS

SC: Can vote if tribunal accepts pleas before polls

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a big relief to legitimate voters whose names were struck off electoral rolls, the Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission to issue a supplementary electoral roll to include the names of those whose appeals against deletion are allowed by appellate tribunals before April 21 (1st phase) and April 27 (2nd phase).

In the order dated April 13 and uploaded on the Supreme Court website on Thursday, the bench invoked Article 142 of the Constitution, which empowers SC to pass any order to ensure "complete justice" in any matter pending before it.

The court clarified that mere pendency of appeals by excluded persons before the appellate tribunals would not entitle them to vote. Only those whose appeals are accepted by the tribunals before the cut-off dates are eligible to vote.

The bench passed the directions after hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in West Bengal, where the names of several eligible voters were deleted forcing them to move court seeking restoration of their names and interim relief. The court posted the matter for April 24.



8 from K'taka killed as pickup rams tanker in Mantralayam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raichur/Kurnool

EIGHT pilgrims, including five women, from Chikkamagaluru district were killed and 13 others injured when their Bolero pickup truck collided head-on with a tanker in Mantralayam of Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh around 4 am on Thursday. According to the police, the Bolero, carrying nearly 21 pilgrims, was on the way to Sri Guru Raghavendra Swamy Mutt when it veered off course and rammed into an oncoming tanker.



A child and two men also died. The deceased have been identified as vehicle driver Kumar (60), Deepika Veena (35), Sunil (40), Belli (3), Puttamma (60), Meenakshi (50), Lolakshi (30) and Tayamma alias Yashoda (60). All the victims were Udeva in Tarikere taluk of Chikkamagaluru district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep grief over the accident. The PM announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the victims and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

Munir in Iran, Pak steps up peace efforts

AGENCIES @ Tehran

PAKISTAN on Thursday stepped up its diplomatic efforts for a second round of peace talks between Iran and the US that could end the ongoing West Asia war with Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir meeting Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf.

Munir, who is campaigning in Tehran, also visited the headquarters of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.

Parallely, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is touring the Gulf countries. Hours after Munir's meeting in Tehran, US President Donald Trump announced a 10-day ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon starting Thursday. **P12**

Yana caves get geo-heritage site of national importance tag

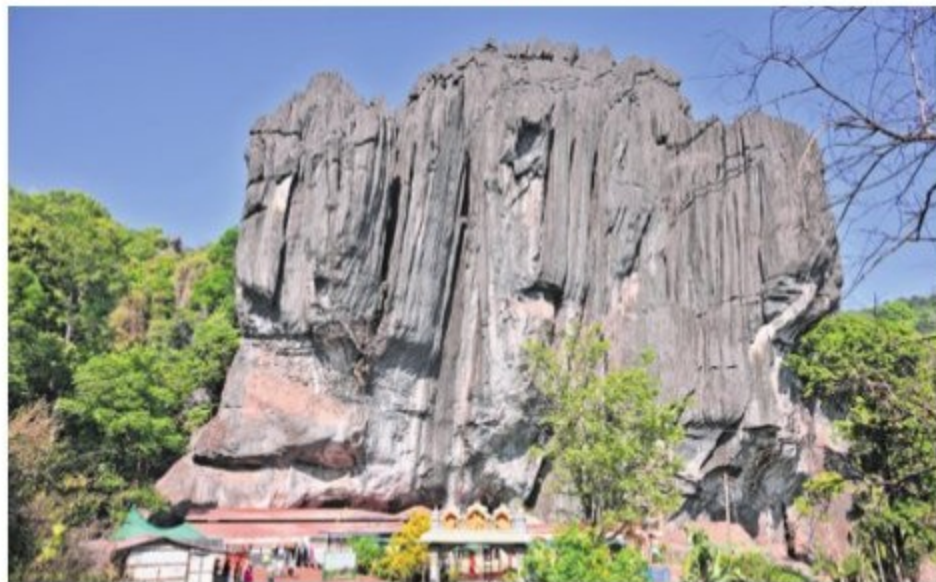
SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Yana (Uttara Kannada)

THE Geological Survey of India has declared the Yana caves near Gokarna in Uttara Kannada district as a geo-heritage site of national importance.

The scientific community welcomed the move saying it will ensure conservation of the ancient rocks formed nearly 2,700 million years ago.

On the occasion of the 176th Foundation Day of the GSI, the GSI passed a resolution recognising Yana caves as a geo-heritage site of national importance. It announced the move in a letter dated, April 13, 2026.

GSI is the nodal agency for geo-conservation of earth heritage commonly referred to as geo-heritage sites, endowed with geological features of significant scientific, educational,



Yana caves near Gokarna is a well-known tourism and pilgrimage centre attracting footfall from across the country

cultural and aesthetic value. It involves identification and recognition of geological treasures as geo-heritage sites.

The rocks nestled within the Western Ghats represent a remarkable example of landscape evolution, shaped by tectonic weathering and karst processes. **CONTINUED ON: P7**

How old are the rocks?
Rock masses were formed 2,700 million years ago and are composed of pre-cambrian dolomitic limestone

Blitz, TT & padel: How Vaishali kept cool

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bengaluru

WHENEVER R Vaishali had some free time in Paphos, the idyllic resort town in Cyprus where the Candidates was held, she either played table tennis or padel. Vaishali doesn't consider herself to be a good table tennis player.

It's just that she wanted to, at least every now and then, forget about the chess world. She was feeling a lot of pressure, especially after beginning



An emotional R Vaishali with her mother Nagalakshmi | MICHAL WALUSZA / FIDE

the tournament with four draws and one defeat. So the 24-year-old engaged in some form of eustress to calm her mind. It's where M Pranesh played a key role. Officially, the 19-year-old, who became a GM at the age of 16, went to Cyprus to be Vaishali's second. "He would wait for the rest days because that's when we played padel," Vaishali told Chessbase India after winning the Candidates tournament on Wednesday.

EXPRESS READ

ISRO got 1.5L sat collision alerts from US

Bengaluru: The USA-led multinational command centre, Combined Space Operations Centre of the United States Command, has issued over 1,50,000 space debris and collision alerts for ISRO's earth orbiting satellites, according to the Indian Space Situational Awareness Report for 2025 | **P7**

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DELAYED HOUSING PROJECTS

K-RERA holds BDA liable, tells it to pay penalty to 2 buyers

Orders agency to pay ₹56.03L & ₹15.5L to allottees of NPKL and Gunjur projects

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IN a victory to homebuyers, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has ordered the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to pay Rs 56.03 lakh and Rs 15.50 lakh in two individual cases as delayed penalties, with BDA being held liable as a “promoter” under RERA.

The orders, passed by a full bench headed by chairman Rakesh Singh and member GR Reddy on April 8, covers major BDA projects at Gunjur (Phases 1 and 2) and the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) for prolonged delays in completion. The authority directed immediate completion of stalled works, issuance of Occupancy Certificates (OC) and payment of interest for delays extending over a decade. In the NPKL case, the order directed that the complainant be paid Rs 56.03 lakh within 60 days of the order date. In the Gunjur case, the complainant should be paid Rs 15.50 lakh with interest rate calculated at 9% from September 9, 2014, till April 30, 2017.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Advocate Rajeev K Jha, who represented aggrieved homebuyers, said, “Any allottee is entitled to delayed penalties if they approach the authority, where the compensation would amount to an average of Rs 35 lakh, totalling to Rs 1,000-1,500 crore for the 5,000 allottees of NPKL project.” He added that the penalties for the Gunjur project allottees at present would amount to Rs 300 to Rs 400 crore if homebuyers approach K-RERA.

In a key legal finding, K-RERA clarified that statutory bodies like BDA are not exempt from RERA provisions. Referring to the Act, it held that any public authority engaged in developing



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land or constructing buildings for sale qualifies as a “promoter”. It also stated that RERA provisions override conflicting clauses in the BDA Act, 1976.

The Gunjur BDA flats project, allotted in 2013 with a promised one-year completion timeline, remains incomplete even in 2026. The authority noted serious lapses despite substantial payments from allottees, including lack of permanent electricity, absence of fire safety clearances, nonfunctional infrastructure such as lifts and visible structural issues.

K-RERA ordered the BDA to pay interest on the delay period from the date of initial payment, complete all promised amenities and secure Occupancy Certificates, stressing that execution of sale deeds alone does not fulfil legal obligations.

Similar concerns were raised in complaints related to NPKL, where the authority allowed affected allottees to file fresh petitions with complete documentation, reinforcing their right to seek relief.

Advocate Jha said, “This order is a landmark because it clearly establishes that even statutory authorities like the BDA are not above RERA. Homebuyers are no longer helpless, RERA ensures accountability even against government bodies.”

Over 23,000 enumerators fan out across city

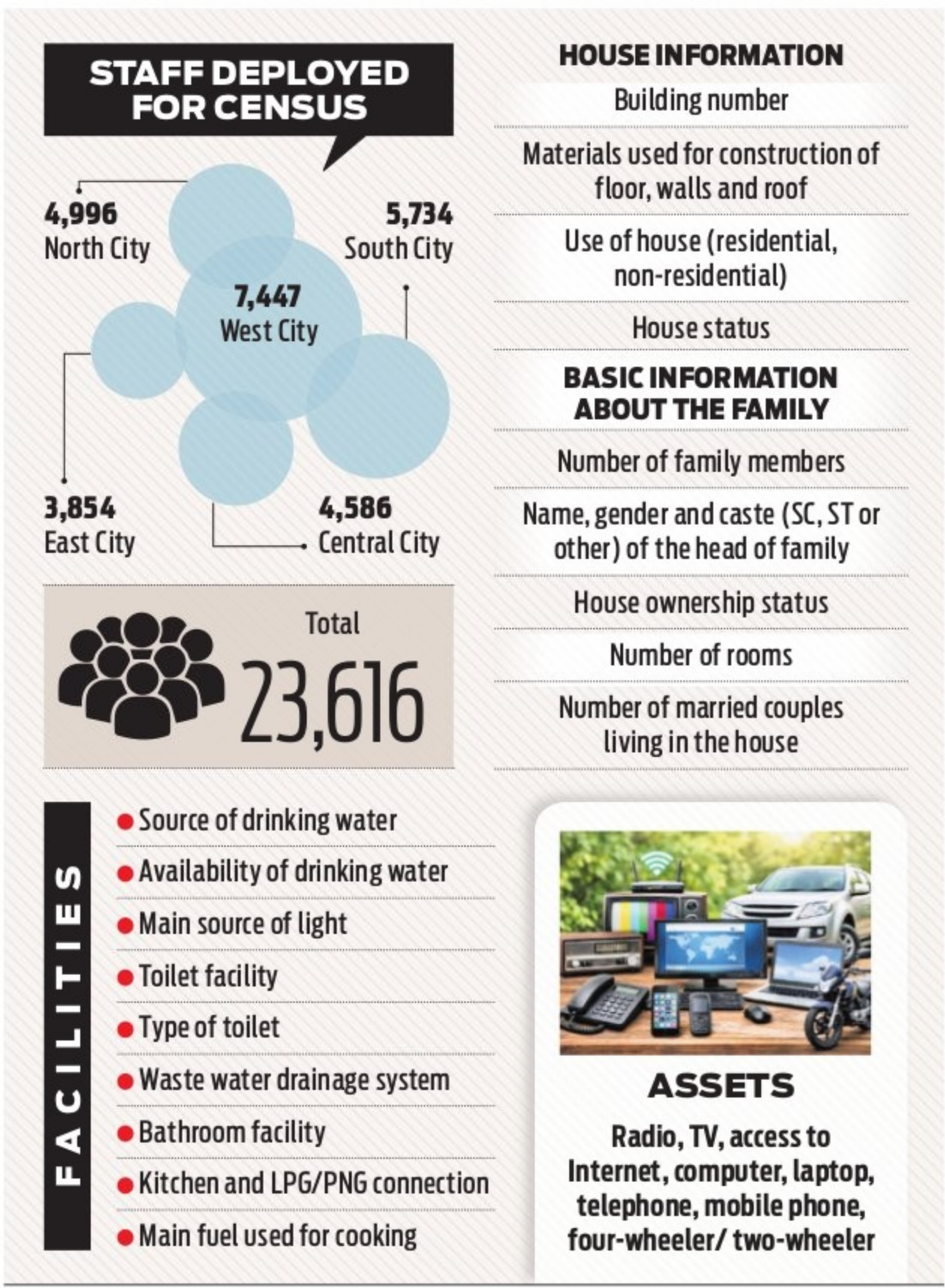
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STATING that all preparations have been made for house census work in Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits, Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil said that 26,616 staff, including 23,705 enumerators, have been deployed for the census, and each enumerator has a target to cover 200 residents’ details per day, till May 15.

Addressing reporters on Thursday regarding the first phase of the ‘House List and Census of Houses’ work as part of the National Census-2027 in the five municipal corporations of GBA, he said, “If all citizens cooperate with the staff and answer questions posed by them, the house census work will be completed in 5-8 minutes.” Moudgil added that enumerators will visit every house from 9am to 5pm for the household census. After a week, arrangements will be made to conduct the census from 6pm to 9pm, and 6am to 10am; he said this step will facilitate citizens.

The official stated that apart from enumerators, 2,500 supervisors will also visit homes as part of the exercise. House lists and house census are being conducted in the first phase. After this work is completed, census work will begin in the second phase in April 2027, he said.

Self-enumeration was allowed till April 15 and less than 2 per cent of people participated in it. On Thursday, enumerators started visiting homes. “It is the statutory responsibility



Enumerators and supervisors prepare to head out for the housing census at Jayanagar 4th block on Thursday | EXPRESS

Census Day 1: GBA forest wing struggles with just 15 staffers

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

AS National Census 2027 (Listing of House and Households) kicked off on Thursday, the forest wing under Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is struggling to cover an area of over 800sqkm with just 15 staffers, who are also on census duty.

A senior Range Forest Officer (RFO) in GBA stated that numerous petitions for tree felling are being received, but civic staff are unable to conduct spot inspections and clear files for cutting down dangerous trees or branches. Placed on census duty, they will be overburdened and likely to delay attending to complaints arising due to summer showers that are expected anytime.

With the monsoon set to begin in around 50 days, range officers and assistant conserva-

tors of forests are tasked with monitoring nurseries for tree plantation drives and also regular annual maintenance work. All these services will be impacted, and in case of showers and uprooted trees, there may be a delay in reaching the spot and resolving complaints. “First, we cannot reach on time due to distance, and second, we will be on survey duty, which is a priority,” said a senior RFO.

In erstwhile BBMP, tree-fall response teams were deployed to swiftly clear fallen trees and branches, reducing hazards during heavy rainfall across the city. It is time such teams with additional staff from the engineering wing are formed at the earliest, as summer showers can cause flooding and uproot trees, said the forest official.

City sizzles, temp to rise to 37°C



Umbrellas provide minor relief as a family ventures out in the afternoon heat | VINOD KUMAR T

Bengaluru: The city will continue to sizzle over the next two days, with maximum temperatures expected to touch 37°C amid a continuing heat spike. According to weather updates, temperatures are forecast to remain 2-3°C above normal, while minimum temperatures may hover around 23°C, leading to warmer nights. On Thursday, HAL Airport recorded a maximum temperature of 36.6°C, a 2.8°C departure from normal. Kempegowda International Airport also saw a rise of 2.5°C above normal, while core city areas recorded an increase of about 1.9°C. Officials noted that the city is currently witnessing a six per cent deviation from normal weather patterns, with humidity levels around 80% on Thursday. ENS

Cabinet nod for 11 elevated roads in city

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IN a significant move, the cabinet on Thursday approved the construction of 11 elevated corridor projects, covering a total of 75.60 km in Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits, at an estimated cost of Rs 13,262.70 crore.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said approval was also given for fresh notification by repealing the alignment of the Intermediate Ring Road of 2023 with partial modification of the

alignment of the Intermediate Ring Road of 2007.

Administrative approval was given for the revised estimate of Rs 436.44 crore for the construction of the Elevated Rotary Flyover at IOC Junction and construction of an additional two-lane railway overbridge at Baiyappanahalli railway level crossing on EPC mode with allowable price escalation basis at Rs 433.77 crore at 5 per cent tender premium.

The cabinet decided to recall the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2018, to appoint in-house of-

ficers to top administrative posts instead of KAS and IAS officers. Administrative approval was given to implement the Biogas Purification and Compression System by utilising the sludge generated in five waste water treatment plants of BWSSB under PPP model at an estimated cost of Rs 85 crore.

Administrative approval to implement the Greater Bangalore Integrated in Suburban Project in Bidadi at an estimated cost of Rs 18,104 crore on 7,481 acres 21.08 guntas by the GBA was deferred due to lack of detailed information.

Centre to take call on IIMB campus expansion

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Union government will now take a call on the proposal of the Indian Institute of Management-Bengaluru (IIMB) to expand its campus on Bannerghatta Road. The premier institution, spread across 100 acres, had submitted a proposal on expanding its campus to the state forest department as the land falls in the eco-sensitive zone of Bannerghatta National Park (BNP).

As per forest conservation

rules and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, approval for non-forest works on any land in national parks and in eco-sensitive zones requires approval from the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL). Forest officials said the sixth state board for wildlife standing committee meeting chaired by Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Thursday decided to recommend the proposal to the NBWL for consideration.

“The IIMB had sought 20,000 sqmt of land. So, NBWL clear-

ance is required. We have also imposed some conditions. They include keeping the campus as green as possible and ensuring there is least hindrance to wildlife in the vicinity. We have also asked them to do a capacity building assessment for the department for physical upgradation,” the officials said.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) had undertaken a study on the ESZ of BNP and the need to revisit it. They recommended increasing the ESZ area to 5km which will cover

1,768.4 sqkm from the existing 1 sqkm (169 sqkm).

The meeting also decided to declare a 2,877-acre forest patch in Allur-B village in Chittappur taluk of Kalaburagi as a conservation reserve.

Forest officials said the patch falls under Yadgir and Kalaburagi districts and houses a healthy prey and predator population. A No Objection Certificate has also been obtained from the villagers and the district administrations before giving clearance to the project.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

17th April: A Bouquet of Horoscopic Haiku Happy Haiku Day, a celebration of the Japanese poetic form typically revolving around nature, the passing of seasons and ephemeral beauty. Though the syllabic pattern of “five-seven-five” is the way many westerners learn haiku, Japanese haikus often have entirely different guidelines. Today’s new moon in the last blush of Aries season whisper to the poetic nature of your soul.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You express the poetry of your soul through ignition, you bring the match, the first motion, the bold leap that wakes the sleeping world. Haiku: First spark in dry grass. A match laughing at the wind. Spring charges forward.

TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20)

You express the poetry of your soul through devotion to the senses and the steady beauty of earthly pleasures. You make the moment feel rich and rooted. Haiku: Warm bread on the table. Slow roots drinking from deep earth. The day ripens sweet.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You express the poetry of your soul through curiosity and connection. Words, questions, laughter and ideas braid themselves through your life like wind through branches. Haiku: Two swallows weaving. Threads of gossip through the sky. Wind loves conversation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

You express the poetry of your soul through care and emotional intuition. You sense what others feel and create warmth wherever you gather people. Haiku: Moon pulls silver tides. A quiet lantern in rain. Home glows in your chest.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)

You express the poetry of your soul through radiant presence. Your joy, courage and generosity invite the world to gather in the light you create. Haiku: Golden noon arrives. Sunlight wearing a crown. The world turns to look.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

You express the poetry of your soul through thoughtful care and elegant precision. You notice what needs tending and quietly restore harmony. Haiku: Morning dew on wheat. A careful hand mends the seam. Order hums softly.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

You express the poetry of your soul through balance and beauty. You feel the delicate mathematics of harmony in people, spaces and ideas. Haiku: Two leaves on a branch. The breeze hesitates. Balance holds the light.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 21)

You express the poetry of your soul through depth and transformation. You move patiently toward others sense but cannot name. Haiku: Dark river moving. Secret’s breathe beneath the ice. Stars shine under skin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You express the poetry of your soul through adventure and possibility. Curiosity sends you toward new horizons again and again. Haiku: Bootprints past the hill. An arrow chasing sunrise. Maps laugh in the wind.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You express the poetry of your soul through perseverance and quiet ambition. You climb patiently toward the vision only you can see. Haiku: Stone stairs after stair. Snow listens to patient feet. The summit waits still.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You express the poetry of your soul through imagination and brave originality. Your ideas crack open the sky of what people thought possible. Haiku: Lightning in clear air. A strange idea takes flight. Tomorrow wakes up.

PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

You express the poetry of your soul through empathy. You can channel the experience of people, animals, nature, the wind itself. Haiku: Ocean dreaming deep. A thousand and lantern fish drift. Sleeps through the tide.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Burst from a large meal (4-3)

2 Hastily make and hoist a flag (3,2)

3 It means endless trouble for Peter and Paul (9)

4 Service charge (3)

5 Sign for the thesaurus he's left (6)

6 Timber trade (4)

7 Under no obligation to observe the customs? (4-4)

8 Former arrangement to change for the better (6)

9 One hears a rumpus is vexatious (6)

10 Quantity of coal you'd be thankful to have? (8)

11 So this is pickled and does not go to waste (4)

12 Sounds like a shortage of resin (3)

13 Broken nine-volts circuit (9)

14 The poet is depicted in a nude version (5)

15 Pulled out or turned in (7)

DOWN

1 Creature given double support (5)

2 Sound alternative to sail (3)

3 Too superior (4)

4 Passing through another station (8)

5 Being villainous use no fair play (9)

6 When about fifty this lady is unequalled (7)

7 Promised to go into a union (9)

8 As I infer it's a variety of cattle (8)

9 Royal symbols from Algeria (7)

10 Old-fashioned but popular with the boys (5)

11 Wild colt gets an embolism (4)

12 Part of the wheat requires sympathetic attention (3)

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

What do you think? May be better, right? This set rocks!

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNIFE ROUND MURMUR FAIRLY Answer: While planning the perfect shot, the photographer was in the right - FRAME OF MIND

COPS IN MUFTI BUST IPL BLACK TICKET RACKET

Over 10, including stadium hotel staff, held

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

AMID the ongoing IPL matches in the city, sleuths of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) are working in mufti to curb sale of tickets in black market. So far, three IPL matches have been played in the city, and the police have registered 10 cases and arrested over 10 people.

Recently, a hotel staff member at Chinnaswamy Stadium was arrested by the CCB for allegedly selling tickets illegally for the RCB vs Lucknow Super Giants match on Wednesday. The police seized over 100 IPL tickets from his possession. The accused has been identified as Chandrashekar P (49), a resident of Sampangiramnagar, who works with Sri Lakshmi Caterers at Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Officials of the Special Enquiry Wing, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime-1) Srihari Babu B L, have been monitoring the illegal ticket sale network and conducting decoy operations. Speaking to *The New*

Indian Express, Srihari Babu said that officers are deployed in mufti during IPL matches and closely monitor individuals acting suspiciously near the stadium. Based on tip-offs, officers approach suspects, and upon confirming illegal ticket sales, take them into custody and seize tickets from their possession.

He added that the CCB has so far registered 10 cases and is probing the source of the tickets.

The police said that during questioning, Chandrashekar said that he had been selling tickets provided by one, Ganesh Harikesh, who claimed to be a member of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), at prices of Rs 19,000 per ticket, which was bought for Rs 15,000. It is learnt that he had earlier sold 81 tickets for the RCB vs Sunrisers Hyderabad match held on March 28 at higher prices. The police added that Ganesh is currently absconding, and efforts are on to verify whether he is indeed a KSCA member.



Pocso accused cannot claim default bail, rules HC

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THE Karnataka High Court clarified that the accused under the Pocso Act cannot contend that he is entitled to a statutory bail if the investigation is not completed within 60 days as per Section 193(2) of BNSS. Justice M Nagarasanna passed the order, rejecting the petition filed by one Govinda, seeking default bail on the ground that the investigation is not completed within the statutory period. "The jurispru-

dence consistently underscores that timelines under special statutes like the Pocso Act are victim-centric, intended to ensure swift justice, not to furnish escape routes for the accused... The petitioner cannot draw sustenance from Section 193(2) of BNSS to claim statutory bail," the court observed.

The court also said that the filing of a charge sheet without accompanying reports as those from the FSL or the CDR does not denude it of its

character as a final report in the eye of law nor does it revive or confer upon the accused, a right to claim statutory bail.

Mentioning that deadline for filing of final report within 60 days in cases where alleged offences are punishable with imprisonment up to 10 years and 90 days while the punishment extends to 10 years or beyond, the court said that the charge sheet having been filed within 90 days in this case and its alleged incompleteness being of no le-

gal consequence to the claim of default bail, the petitioner cannot be enlarged or set at liberty on the said ground. The accused moved HC seeking bail, as the trial court declined to grant bail on two occasions in December 2025 and January 2026. He was booked under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocity) Act and Pocso Act. The daughter of the complainant was working as a housekeeping staff member in a hospital for about a year, and later she quit the job and began

to work as domestic help in a house in the city. In October 2025, she committed suicide.

It was alleged that the accused was also a housekeeping staff in the same hospital where the victim was working. They were in love. The accused is said to have had a physical relationship with the deceased despite knowing that she was underage. The deceased was found to be pregnant at the time of her death. Therefore, the accused was arrested following the complaint and remanded to judicial custody in October 2025.

CRIME PATROL

Narcotics worth ₹11.81cr seized, 10 arrested

BENGALURU: The city police have arrested 10 persons, including three foreign nationals, for selling prohibited narcotic substances and recovered MDMA, cocaine, ecstasy pills and ganja worth ₹11.81 crore. The arrests were made in Yelahanka New Town, DJ Halli, Banaswadi, Koramangala, Bommanahalli, and Pulakeshinagar. The accused include a man and two women from Nigeria; five persons from other states as well as two from the city. In all, 5,919 kg of MDMA, 1,151 kg of cocaine, 21 kg ganja, 19 gram ecstasy pills and a bike were recovered. **ENS**



A fan buys a replica of RCB's green jersey near Cubbon Park Metro Station on Thursday. RCB will play DC in M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Advocate robbed on city outskirts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 32-year-old advocate is undergoing treatment in a hospital after he was attacked and robbed by two miscreants in Magadi police station limits.

The victim L Sathish, a resident of Magadi taluk, was returning home on Monday night after meeting a client. He

stopped his bike between Uduvegere and Nethenahalli Road to make a call. The incident happened between 8.50pm and 9pm. The accused came from behind, covered his face with a cloth and asked him for his UPI PIN. When he refused, they attacked him and escaped with his mobile phone and cash.

Since the accused had thrown

away his vehicle key, Sathish took help from passersby and called one of his friends.

The complaint was filed on Tuesday, following which Magadi police registered a case of robbery. Police have recorded Sathish's statement. A case of robbery under Section 309(6) of BNS was registered against the accused.

MISUSE OF CORPORATE TICKETS

The police have registered a case against Chandrashekar, Ganesh Harikesh, and the owners or directors of Swastik Heavy Engineering Company and Dharani Computers for their alleged involvement in black marketing of tickets. A senior police officer said that corporate tickets are being misused and resold in the black market. The agency responsible for ticket sales at Chinnaswamy Stadium had sold 50 to 100 tickets per match to companies. However, these tickets were allegedly resold at higher prices.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon. "The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Symbolic Possession Date
1	Branch: Channarayana Padma SEIBCP0449089 Borrower: Mr/Mrs Mubensha Banu Co-Borrower: Mr/Mrs Syied Saleem	All The Peace And Parcel Of The Immovable Schedule Property No.5649331815, Old Katha No.1238, Assessment No.1238, Ward No.8, Site Situated At Umar Nagar, Bellur Town, Nagamangala Taluk, Measuring East To West 4.572009 Mtr (15 Feet), North To South 9.753620 Mtr (32 Feet), Total Extent 44.5936 Sq.Mtr (480 Sq.Ft.), North By : Site Of Nayaz, South By : Road, East By : House Of Farmaidabi, West By : Joint Wall House Of Nasrin Taj.	21.11.2025 / 175208/-	11.04.2026

Date: 17.04.2026, Place: Bangalore Authorized Officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.

SRM E-Tender Notice (RFx No. 7000039574)

MSETCL invites digitally signed online bids for following tender through SRM E-Tender Process of MSETCL in two bid system from registered contractors, agencies on Mahatransco E-Tendering website <http://srmetender.mahatransco.in> for following works.

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Description of Work	Due date & Time (Hrs) for submission & opening of Tender
1.	Tender Ref No. CE/MSLDC/REMC/RE-DSMT/01/2026-27 Scope of Work: Development of "Webbased RE Scheduling & Deviation Accounting Software" at MSLDC, Airoli, in accordance with the provisions of the MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar & Wind Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 & MERC RE F&S Procedures along with hosting of Entire Data Base and Application Software on Cloud	Download of Tender Documents Date: From 17.04.2026 to 16.05.2026

Estimated Cost (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Tender Fee (Rs)+GST@ 18% Extra	Closing Date (Submission)	Technical Opening date	Price bid Opening date
65,28,34,294/-	65,28,343/-	25000/- + GST	16.05.2026 Up to 23.59 hrs.	18.05.2026 11.00 Am (If possible)	22.05.2026 11.00 Am (If possible)

Pre-Bid Meeting (Online mode): Date - 23/04/2026 Time - 11:30 Hrs
Meeting Link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_Yzg4YjBjYmYTNjVlY00NmQyLTg3Y2MtMWVwKjBjNzY4YTUw%40thread.v20?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22df2766ef-cc77-4105-a2ec-a4044e68d307%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2241340651-74bc-4569-9aa5-1b4cc9229982%22%7d
Pre-Bid Queries to be submitted by 21.04.2026 on REMC.OPERATION@MAHASLDC.IN
Contact Person: 1) EE(REMC-OPS) @ 9029800895
2) EE(EA) @ 8108800735
For further details visit our website <http://srmetender.mahatransco.in>
Note: - All eligible interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on SRM E-Tendering portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (MSLDC)/C MSETCL, Airoli.

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I, K P JAYARAMAN, S/O K.M. Panduranga, residing at Flat No.304, Ramky Shubham Apartment, 1st Cross, Muneshwara Block, Devanagara, Bangalore-560094, state that I am the owner of the below mentioned SCHEDULE PROPERTY.
I hereby notify that the Original Sale Deed dated 29.02.2008, Document No.RMN-1-07326 of 2007-08, Book No.1, stored in CD No. RMN074, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Ramanagar, with respect of the Schedule Property has been lost and despite my best efforts I could find the same.
I further state that I have lodged a complaint on 31.03.2025 in E-Lost Portal of Karnataka State Police regarding the loss of the said original Sale Deed dated 29.02.2008 and the same is duly registered vide Lost Report No. 2133341/2026. Therefore, the public are hereby cautioned not to deal with any other person with regard to Schedule Property or the lost Sale Deed dated 29.02.2008 and such dealing if any shall be the sole risk of the person so dealing with and I shall not bind on me in any manner.
I also request the finder of the lost Original Sale Deed dated 29.02.2008, to return the same to me immediately.
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All that piece and parcel of vacant Site bearing No.346, Old Katha No. 547/346, Present Town Municipal Bidadi E-PID No. 3487369062 measuring East to West 50 Feet or 15.24 Meter, North to South 30 Feet or 9.14 Meter totally measuring 15000 Sq. Feet or 139.35 Sq. Meter, situated at My Citi Layout, Hegadagere Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, present Ramanagara District and bounded on:- East By : Plot No.343, West By : 33 Feet Road, North By : Plot No.345, South By : Plot No.347.
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NO.EE/PHED/BAM/2026-2027/256 DATE - 10/04/26

NIT NO. 2026-27/02 NIB No.PHE2627A0127

Online tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from enlisted contractors with the PHED Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria. Contractors enlisted with other Departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/Postal, Telecom, Railway, MES, other state Govt. / Central Govt. undertaking / organizations equivalent in Rajasthan meeting eligibility criteria may apply after giving prescribed Earnest Money. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>. Details of this tender notification and pre-qualification criteria can also be seen in NIT exhibited on website. <http://dipronline.org> & sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in

NIT NO	UBN NO	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money (Rs. In Rs.)	Tender Fees	Time Period
2026-27/02	PHE2627/WSRC 00216	Providing L and J of Various Sizes Pipe Lines under City Dn. Barmer Annual Rate Contract	150.00	300000.00	2000.00	(12 Month) Annual Rate Contract

Last Date & time of online submission of tender document - 30.04.2026 up to 11.30 AM
Last Date & time of physical submission of document etc - 30.04.2026 up to 11.30 AM
Date & time of opening of technical bid - 30.04.2026 - 2.00 PM
Date & time of opening of Financial bid - To be intimated online
DIPRC/684/2026

Sd/- (Bijendra Prasad Meena)
Executive Engineer
PHED City Dn., Barmer

"The Lord restores my soul"
- Psalm 23:3

In Loving Memory

R M Paul Pandian
Son of late Koilpillai Rajaiiah Moses Nadar and late Naomi Moses, husband of late Ruby Pandian, passed away peacefully in his sleep.
Deeply mourned by his son Moses Pandian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandson, relatives, and friends.
Funeral service will be held at St. Luke's Church at 3:00 p.m. today, followed by the burial service at Hosur Rural Cemetery, Gate No. 3, at 4:00 p.m.
May he find eternal rest in the arms of the Lord.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB). The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay installments and their loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable properties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property, on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same.

SR. NO. - 1, BRANCH - Ultrahalli, L No. - ELPBIBUTH0062651
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs Ms. Teja V, Mr/Mrs Venkateshaiah R
Demand Notice Date - 25.02.2026 & **Outstanding Amount -** 953138

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Northern portion of Site No. 104, Assessment No. 223, Old Assessment No.88) Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet in totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft. Situated at Laggere Village, Yashawantapura hobli, Presently comes under BBMP limits, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore District, North By : Site No.103, South By : Remaining southern portion of site No.104, East By : Road, West By : Site No. 101.

SR. NO. - 2, BRANCH - Chandapura, L No. - ELPNCDDP0073731/ EMLFNCDDP0073730
Borrowers/Co-Borrowers - Mr/Mrs Manesh R, Mr/Mrs Manjula
Demand Notice Date - 28.02.2026 & **Outstanding Amount -** 3023028

Description of Secured Asset - (Immovable Property) - Item 1 : PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat No.203, in 2nd Floor, having RDPN No.150200101200320270, V.P.Katha No.2071/244/SF2-03, in the Apartment constructed on the "VALLEY VIEW RESIDENCE" Situated at Ballur Village, Ballur Village Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring 95.41 Sq. Mtrs., or 1027 Sq.ft. of super built up area, vitrified tiles flooring and 366.24 Sq ft undivided right, title and interest over the schedule B property along with a one curved car parking space numbered as 2023 in the basement floor of the Apartment constructed on the Schedule B property bounded on:, Item 2 : All that piece and parcel of the Amalgamated Old Site Nos.242, 243 & 244, Amalgamated New Site No.244, measuring 80X150 Sq. Feet, totally 12000 Sq., Feet carved out of Sy.No.125/4 in the layout named as "QUEEN VALLEY" formed in composite converted land bearing Sy.No.122, 125/2, 125/3, 125/4, 125/5 & 131/2 of Ballur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on:, Item 3 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No.122, 125/2, 125/3, 125/4, 125/5 & 131/2, Situated at Ballur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 55878.54 Sq. Mtrs., Or 6.01,476 Sq., Feet layout has been Approved by BMRO, Bangalore, vide Development plan No.BMRO/LAO/94/2005-06, dated 20.10.2005 and bounded on:, North By : Flat No.204, Site No.242, Road, South By : Flat No.204, Site No.241, Private Property, East By : Road and Cutouts, Site Nos.235 ; 236 and 237, Private Property, West By : Open to Air, 40 Feet wide Road, TVS Road.

Date - 17.04.2026, Place - Bangalore Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

26 dists likely to face drinking water crisis: CM

Siddaramaiah says no shortage of funds, 213 taluks and 2,410 gram panchayats in state identified as vulnerable

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TWENTY-six districts of Karnataka are likely to face a shortage of drinking water, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a below-normal monsoon, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said. The IMD has forecast below-normal rainfall, with normal rain in August and lower rainfall in September.

The CM warned that deputy commissioners would be held responsible for any disruption in the drinking water supply and stressed the need for coordination among the revenue, RDPR, and urban development departments. The CM has directed the DCs to take precautionary measures to prevent drinking water shortage, as a deficit monsoon is expected in all districts except five.

Chairing a review meeting at Vidhana Soudha with district in-charge ministers, DCs and zilla panchayat CEOs, Siddaramaiah said Rs 419.5 crore is available in personal deposit (PD) accounts of DCs for drinking water management. The CM reiterated that there was no shortage of funds. He directed the officials to provide shade and drinking water facilities, and to carry out heatwave precautions, especially in the north interior districts, where higher temperatures are expected between April and June.

Further, Siddaramaiah said



The water level at the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam (KRS) built across the Cauvery in Mandya district dropped to 100.96 ft on Thursday, below its Full Reservoir Level of 124 ft. The total storage is 23,571 tmcft as against the maximum storage capacity of 49,452 tmcft, with live storage at 15,192 tmcft. While the inflow is 74 cusecs, the outflow is 4,033 cusecs, which includes water released for canal irrigation and drinking water | UDAYASHANKAR S

213 taluks and 2,410 gram panchayats have been identified as vulnerable to drinking water shortage, with 114 taluks and 598 GPs already facing issues. Water is being supplied to 137 villages in 129 tankers, while 585 private borewells have been hired to serve 515 villages, he said. Several districts, including Kalaburagi, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Chikkamagaluru, Haveri, Mandya, Tumakuru, and Uttara Kannada, have a significant number of GPs at risk. In urban areas, 27 local bodies are already facing water shortage,

while 95 more are likely to be affected, he informed.

The CM stressed prioritising drinking water over irrigation, ensuring adequate water levels in reservoirs till mid-July and repairing any leakage. At present, 321.93 tmcft of water is available in 14 major reservoirs—about 36% of total capacity. He also directed the officials concerned to respond promptly to public complaints, set up control rooms at taluk and ward levels, and ensure the uninterrupted functioning of RO units with 24x7 power supply.

On agriculture, Siddaramaiah warned of possible fertiliser supply disruptions owing to global factors and called for strict monitoring to prevent hoarding and ensure timely availability to farmers.

He also stressed measures to prevent the supply of contaminated water and prioritise power connections for drinking water projects. While there is no immediate shortage of cattle fodder, he directed the officials concerned to remain vigilant and ensure adequate availability.



WHAT CM SAID...

Currently, 321.93 tmcft of water is available in the state's major 14 reservoirs, which is 36% of the total capacity. Last year, during this same period, 330.35 tmcft was available. There is sufficient water in the reservoirs at present to meet drinking water needs.

All RO units must be ensured to function with 24x7 continuous electricity supply

Due to West Asia crisis, there is a possibility of disruption in fertiliser supply. Proper distribution of urea and DAP must be overseen. Transportation of fertiliser to other states must be regulated

There is currently no shortage of fodder

Precautionary measures must be taken in all districts to prevent health issues arising from the supply of contaminated water

Priority must be given to providing electricity connections to drinking water schemes

'TREATED UNJUSTLY'

MLA Kulkarni pleads for leniency, sentencing today

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FORMER minister and Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni, who was convicted in a murder case, pleaded before the special court judge for leniency in the quantum of punishment, stating that he has three children of marriageable age and claiming that he had been treated unjustly, on Thursday.

The court, after hearing the arguments and recording the statements of the convicts, said that the quantum of punishment will be pronounced on Friday, Kulkarni, the Dharwad MLA, and 16 others were convicted on Wednesday by the special court in connection with the 2016 murder of Dharwad Zilla Panchayat member Yogesh Goudar.

The court had then stated that the quantum of punishment would be pronounced on Thursday.

All 17 convicts were brought to the court from Bengaluru Central Prison under tight security by the police, along with officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), who had investigated the case.

The prosecution urged the court to impose the maximum punishment prescribed under the law and argued that no leniency should be shown and that the case should serve as an example to society. The prosecution described the crime as heinous, stating that the seventh accused had thrown chilli powder into the victim's eyes before

committing the murder, and that the killing was driven by political rivalry.

Further, it was submitted that the accused destroyed evidence after the CBI took over the case, attempted to influence witnesses by bribing them, and obstructed the judicial process. It was argued that a young politician's life was deliberately ended through a well-planned conspiracy, and that attempts were made to obstruct the case using political power. Emphasising that the crime was premeditated, maximum punishment was sought.

Counsels for the accused, however, pleaded for leniency, stating that the convicts have young children and families dependent on them, and requested the court to reduce the sentence. All the convicts appealed for a lesser punishment, citing family hardships and their children's future.

Kulkarni said, "I have been in politics for the past 27 years and have not caused harm to anyone. I have three children—two daughters and a son—of marriageable age. I am a farmer and rear thousands of cattle. This case has been filed against me for political reasons." He claimed that he had been treated unjustly.

The court recorded the statements of all the convicts and announced that the sentence will be pronounced on Friday. The convicts were later taken from the court to Bengaluru Central Prison.



'NO NOTICE'

Muslim religious leaders slam Cong, flay action against Jabbar, Naseer

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MUSLIM religious leaders under the banner of Ulema-e-Karnataka, on Wednesday criticised the Congress party over its disciplinary action against MLC Abdul Jabbar and CM's political secretary Naseer Ahmed, alleging lack of due process. At a press conference in Bengaluru, Maulana Mufti Iftikhar Qasmi accused the party of acting unilaterally, claiming Jabbar was forced to resign and expelled, while Naseer Ahmed was removed without being given a chance to respond. "Is this disciplinary action? Where are the rules? There was no notice, no chance to explain, just direct action," he said.

A release from the Ulema-e-Karnataka stated that they have always seen Naseer Ahmed as an important facilitator between the minorities, other depressed communities and the government headed by Siddaramaiah.

The removal of Naseer Ahmed and resignation of Abdul Jabbar have sent disturbing signals to minority communities, especially Muslims. These actions reflect indifference and disregard towards the legitimate aspirations of marginalized sections, it said.

Members of the organisation stated that the entire Muslim community - in Karnataka and across the country -- has expressed deep displeasure and anguish over the actions of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Congress High Command towards Muslims. "We also wonder how party president Mallikarjun Kharge can remain silent when such grave injustice is meted out to the minority community. This has compelled us to convene meetings to deliberate on suitable steps to safeguard the interests, honour, and dignity of the community..."

The release says an impression has now gained ground within the Muslim community in Karnataka that Congress has taken their support for granted and believes Muslims have no option other than Congress. This perception is entirely incorrect. "Historically, Muslim support has been crucial in enabling Congress to rise to power. This shows we do have options and are not prepared to accept repeated humiliation and disrespect," the release said.



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THE Karnataka cabinet on Thursday decided to set up a technical committee headed by the chief secretary, and comprising secretaries from law and parliamentary affairs and social welfare departments, on implementation of internal reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs). The committee has been asked to file its report at the next cabinet meeting scheduled to be held from 11am to 4pm on April 24, to take a final decision. While it is not a special cabinet meeting to exclusively discuss internal quota, the issue will be on the agenda, among other key subjects, sources said.

It is expected that 15 per cent quota would be shared, with 5.3 per cent each for SC-Left and SC-Right communities, and 4.4 per cent for Bhois, Lambanis, Korama, Koracha and others. When the government announced filling up of 56,432 va-



CM Siddaramaiah leaves Vidhana Soudha after the cabinet meeting on Thursday evening | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

cancies, SC communities, especially SC-Left, insisted that internal quota be applied.

Vemula Bill: Quantum of punishment reduced

The cabinet approved the Karnataka Rohith Vemula (Prevention of Discrimination, Exclusion or Injustice) (Right to

Education and Dignity) Bill, 2026, with a modification to reduce the quantum of punishment from three years of imprisonment if convicted. Briefing the press after the cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil clarified that the reduced punishment will be known soon. The bill will be tabled at the next session of joint legislature, he added.

Sources informed *The New Indian Express* that the Congress government was afraid that if it retained severe punishment, it may have to face the ire of caste Hindus as they will not get bail, a source informed.

The objective is to prevent exclusion or injustice and safeguard the right to education and dignity for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and provide equal access and right to education in public, private or deemed universities in Karnataka. It is also to prohibit discrimination of persons

belonging to SC/STs in institutions of higher learning, as per the bill.

Ministers divided over action against Muslim leaders

Cabinet ministers are divided with regard to disciplinary action taken against Muslim leaders K Abdul Jabbar, who was suspended from the party, and MLC Naseer Ahmed, who was sacked as Chief Minister's political secretary, for allegedly indulging in anti-party activities during the Davanagere bypolls.

RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge initiated a discussion, during which Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao said the action as initiated hastily. Horticulture Minister SS Mallikarjun got annoyed while Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre wanted to know whether the accused leaders actually tried to sabotage Congress candidate Samarth Shamanuru's chances, a source informed.

LAND GRAB ALLEGATIONS

Special court directs police to issue notice to Veerendra Heggade

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

THE Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court has directed the Belthangady police inspector to issue notices to Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari and Rajya Sabha member D Veerendra Heggade with regard to the alleged encroachment of government lands at two places in Belthangady taluk of Dakshina Kannada. The court has issued two orders—first on February 19 and second on April 2, 2026.

The first order pertains to the alleged encroachment of 83 cents of government land at Survey No. 96/1 at Kuvettu village in Belthangady taluk on which a rubber plantation stands now. SDM Education Society secretary is the second respondent in this case.

The second order pertains to the encroachment of 25 cents in Survey No. 173/5 in Belthangady village on which an amphitheatre has been constructed. Belthangady Samaja Mandir Secretary is the second respondent in this case.

The notices were issued based on two separate petitions filed before the court by Nagarika Seva Trust president K So-manath Nayak. The respondents have been asked to appear before the court and to file an objection statement, if any. The

court has also issued directions to the Belthangady tahsildar to submit a status report with regard to the allegations made in the complaint whether there is encroachment as alleged, and if there is encroachment, nature of the encroachment, extent of the encroachment. Dakshina Kannada DC, Assistant Commissioner, Puttur and Tahsildar, Belthangady taluk are also made respondents in both the cases.

In the memorandum of petition filed under Section 9 (1) of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Act 2011, the petitioner (Kuvettu land encroachment) says that the first respondent society being a registered institution under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act had acquired rights to the extent of 3 acres 41 cents in Survey No. 96/2 of Kuvettu village by virtue of the registered sale deed dated 29/2/2008. The said institution has illegally taken possession of lands measuring around 83 cents of govt land in Survey No. 96/1 of Kuvettu village, it alleged.

Further, the petitioner says that the revenue inspector concerned verified the said land and submitted a report stating that SDME Society has been put up on government land. Despite this fact, the authorities concerned failed to act as required under law and discharge their duties as required under land

and till today they have not taken any action to recover the government land which has been illegally grabbed, it alleged.

The petitioner has also alleged that the Belthangady tahsildar was hand in glove and enabled the respondents to grab the valuable land of the government. The said land is located about 3 km from Belthangady town and is valued more than Rs 1.50 crore.

In the second case, the petitioner said the said society was granted land in Survey No. 174/4 measuring 26 cents in Belthangady for construction of a community hall wherein the society constructed the community hall adjoining the land of the government in Survey No. 173/5 measuring 25 cents and illegally occupied the said land to the fullest extent and has now built an amphitheatre by demolishing the existing community hall. The market value of this land situated 500m from BC Road Villupuram NH is Rs 2 crore, says petitioner in the complaint.

The petition appealed to the court to punish respondents under section 4 of Karnataka Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act 2011, vacate the encroachments and hand over the lands to the government. The next hearing is on July 20 and September 18.

Siddu camp MLAs meet Surjewala, exude confidence of cabinet reshuffle

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

A delegation of senior Congress MLAs camping in New Delhi for the last five days seeking ministerial posts when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reshuffles his cabinet, claims that they have accomplished their mission. This has come as a shot in the arm for the Siddaramaiah camp, who are keen on a rejig of the cabinet so that their leader can continue as CM for the full term of the present Congress government.

But Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and his camp are likely to exert pressure on the Congress high command to settle the leadership issue first and then decide on the potential cabinet reshuffle.

After meeting AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday, the MLAs, who have won more than three times, met AICC General Secretary and party Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala on Thursday and exuded confidence that the high command will give its nod for the cabinet reshuffle after the results to the five state assemblies and by-elections to Davanagere South and Bagalkot are declared on May 4.

A team of 14 MLAs led by Chief Whip in the Assembly Ashok M Pattan, and former minister TB Jayachandra met Surjewala and presented a



A delegation of Congress MLAs from Karnataka submit a memorandum to AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala in New Delhi on Thursday | EXPRESS

memorandum. They claimed to have reminded Surjewala of the high command's assurance in 2023 when the party came to power that there would be changes after 2.5 years.

"Surjewala told us that even the CM had asked the high command to wait for 2-3 months after the government completed its halfway mark... even Rahul Gandhi said the same, which was why there is a slight delay," Pattan, also an aide of Siddaramaiah, told reporters.

"Surejwala has had information on the performance of the incumbent ministers in the cabinet. He promised that there will be a reshuffle at the earliest, assuring us that justice will

be delivered," he added.

According to informed sources, Kharge responded positively to a reshuffle but expressed his unhappiness over the functioning of Siddaramaiah during his second term as CM.

The MLAs also plan to meet AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal on Thursday night before wrapping up their five-day Delhi trip. Meanwhile, on Wednesday, they visited Ayodhya and sought the blessings of Lord Ram. Around 30 MLAs had left for Delhi on April 12, but some of them returned to the state on April 13 to take part in Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations on April 14.

Citizens' groups demand halt to SIR, flag risks to voting rights

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CITIZENS' groups urged the state government to halt the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging it harasses citizens in the name of verification. The group cited lack of transparency, arbitrary deletion criteria like "logical discrepancy", and absence of door-to-door enumeration, demanding the exercise be deferred until a proper census-based revision is undertaken.

At a press conference here on Thursday, Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee of CIV-IC-Bangalore, said they have written to the chief minister and law minister, urging Karnataka to take a firm stand against SIR and propose an alternative national framework. She warned that while civil society groups are helping citizens re-enrol, these are only

short-term fixes.

Citing data from Bihar, she noted that less than 0.1 per cent of illegal immigrants were identified, while nearly the entire population underwent verification. She also flagged the use of "logical discrepancy" in West Bengal, such as minor spelling or age differences, as a basis for deleting voter names, calling it legally untenable.

Kathyayini further argued that the current SIR process violates provisions of the Representation of the People Act by not conducting fresh door-to-door enumeration. She recommended deferring SIR until after the 2027 Census and creating a centralised digital database linked to birth, death, and migration records.

Trilochan Sastry, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), said the process, intro-

duced through legislative changes in 2023, grants immunity to the Election Commission of India (ECI), and questioned why a constitutional body should be shielded from judicial scrutiny. He noted that a PIL challenging SIR in the Supreme Court of India has seen repeated delays. He highlighted that voting is a fundamental right, and the SIR process poses risks to citizens' voting rights.

Highlighting ground-level challenges, Pasha, general secretary of the Forum for Democracy & Communal Amity - Karnataka Chapter (FDCA-K) said the revision process has led to confusion, with booth level officers facing difficulties in verifying voters, especially migrant populations. He pointed to experiences in states like Bihar and West Bengal, where implementation gaps were evident.



5-day English training for teachers fails

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IN the light of starting English medium classes for the students of Classes 1 to 5 in government schools across 15 districts, the department of school education and literacy (DSEL) provided training to teachers to teach the language, but only for five days.

Teachers who underwent this training have raised concerns that five days were not sufficient for them to learn the language and teach students, with the schools to open within one and a

half months. "Though the government's website states that the training is meant for 15 days to help use active, learner-centered, language-supportive pedagogies, the actual training was only for five days," they said.

A government school teacher in Belagavi district told *TNIE*, "Some government teachers were selected and trained as resource persons to teach us English. Some of them did not even have any English teaching background. They were Kannada language teachers who weren't

equipped to teach us the language or its use in the classrooms. The department of state educational research and training prepared the material to train teachers, which is bulky. It will take at least two days for any person to go through it before teaching the same to others." Meanwhile, another teacher who was a taluk-level resource person, said, "The training was up to the mark because we were evaluating SSLC exam papers and at the same time, attended Population Census training.

Forget teaching students, a lot of teachers don't even know how to frame a sentence in English. Hence, a five-day training will never be helpful."

Prof Purushotham Bilimale, the chairman of the Karnataka Development Authority, agreed that even the basics of any language cannot be learnt in five days. He said, "The government must recruit teachers who have an English background. Otherwise, it will result in bad learning of the language among students and impact their results."

IndianOil boosts auto LPG supply by 300% in B'luru

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THE Indian Oil Corporation has increased auto LPG supplies to Bengaluru by nearly 300% to address the surge in demand triggered by disruptions in private sector supply chains. In a press release, Indian Oil stated that on April 15 it supplied 75.53 tonnes of auto LPG in the city, which is a sharp rise from the usual daily supply of around 23 tonnes before the crisis.

Across Karnataka, daily supplies have also nearly doubled to over 83 tonnes, compared to the earlier average of 43.5 tonnes. The increased demand fol-

lows the closure and disruption of private auto LPG dispensing stations, which account for nearly 80% of the market in Bengaluru and the state. This has led to a shift of customers to Indian Oil outlets, resulting in long queues.

To manage the situation, all Indian Oil auto LPG stations in Bengaluru are operating without interruption. The company has also ensured continuous operations at LPG bottling plants and loading centres throughout the past week.

While acknowledging inconvenience due to waiting, Indian Oil said it is taking active steps to stabilise supply and ensure uninterrupted availability.



WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Workers stack bricks at a kiln on a scorching Thursday afternoon near Chikkamagaluru. The state has been recording high temperatures | PFI

EXPRESS READ

Saleem's tenure as DG&IGP extended till Aug 2027

BENGALURU: The state government of Thursday issued an order extending the tenure of Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP) M A Saleem till August 29, 2027. Saleem, a 1993-batch IPS officer who was due for superannuation in June this year, got an extension of 14 months. According to the government order, he will continue to head the police force till August 29, 2027, or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

Siblings drown in tank while washing sheep

HASSAN: Two brothers drowned in a tank while washing sheep in Jagaval in Arasikere taluk on Thursday. The deceased are Imran (15) and Yasin (13), both studying in class 10 and 8, respectively. They unknowingly ventured into deep waters while washing the sheep and drowned one after the other. Jagaval police have recovered the bodies and handed them over to the parents.

ISRO-ATREE MoU to map grasslands

BENGALURU: The Space Applications Centre (SAC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) on Thursday to strengthen collaboration in research, data sharing and knowledge exchange for sustainable land management. The partnership will focus on mapping India's grasslands and other open natural ecosystems, assessing the impact of restoration efforts on degraded lands, and developing improved methodologies to estimate both above- and below-ground carbon. By combining SAC-ISRO's expertise in large-scale geospatial mapping with ATREE's interdisciplinary ecological research and field-based experience, the collaboration aims to generate robust, policy-relevant data, ATREE said in a release. The initiative also seeks to support national- and state-level decision-making on land use, climate action, conservation and rural livelihoods. It will contribute to developing scalable and standardised approaches for identifying and monitoring ecologically significant landscapes that have often received limited attention in policy and planning.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrower who have availed loan against pledge of gold ornaments from our Sree Subramaneshwara Co-operative Bank Ltd. Nagaravalli Branch have not repaid the amount in spite of our notices. If the jewellery is not redeemed by **27.04.2026**, an open auction will be held on **Tuesday, 28.04.2026 at 1.00 PM** at the bank's administrative office "Rajata Bhavan". No. 106, R. V. Road, Vishweshwarapuram, Bangalore-560004. It should be noted that the borrower is responsible for covering all costs and expenses incurred by the bank in this regard.

Borrower Name and Address	Account No	Gross weight	Net Weight	Amount outstanding as on 31/03/2026
Shri.Kalish Singh. No.A.1053, Ground Floor, 9th Block, Nagaravalli 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560072.	GL-6200 0028	276.80	222.00	Rs.11,28,334/- (Rupees Eleven lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four only) and further interest and incidental Charges from 01.04.2026

Date : 16.04.2026
Place : Bangalore
Sd/-
Chief Manager (In-charge)

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Executive Engineer Office, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project.
Div no.7 , Hiriyrur camp;Chitradurga
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No.EE/VJNL/UBP/Div.No.07/Hyr/Camp:CTA/2026-27/04
Dated:13.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPPP only)

On behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Bangalore, Executive Engineer, VJNL,UBP, Division No.7 Hiriyrur, camp;Chitradurga invites the tenders under TSP Grants. "Percentage rate "tenders are invited in Two cover system by the undersigned, from eligible contractors Indent No.VJNL/2026-27/IW/WORK_INDENT501/ Amount put to tender Rs.169.14 Lakhs ,Pre Bid meeting date: 17.04.2026 @ 11.00 am at the Office of Chief Engineer, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project zone Chitradurga, The last date & time for submission of tender document 22.04.2026@ 5.00 PM, Date & time of Opening of Technical Bid 23.04.2026@ 5.30 PM at the Office of Executive Engineer, VJNL,UBP, Division No.7 Hiriyrur, camp;Chitradurga Details and tender document may be downloaded through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tender accepting authority reserves all rights to cancel the tender at any stage.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 37/2026-27 Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, UB, Division No.07 Hiriyrur, Camp: Chitradurga

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PREMISES REQUIRED ON LEASE

The Regional Manager, RBO-4 Koramangala A01, on behalf of SBI invites offers from owners/power of attorney holders for premises on lease rental basis for Commercial /Office use having Carpet area of about 232.34 Sq.mt +/- 25%. (2500 Sqft +/- 25%) for **SBI BTM 2nd Stage Branch (70766), 457, 7th Cross, BTM layout, 2nd Stage, BENGALURU-560016** branch to be located on main road in BTM 2nd Stage, preferably on Ground floor. The format for submission of technical bids, price bids containing detailed parameters, place of submissions, terms and conditions and price bid can be downloaded from SBI website www.sbi.co.in under SBI in the news/Procurement News from **10.04.2026 to 24.04.2026**. Last date of submission on or before **3.00 PM 24.04.2026**. Brokers will not be entertained.

Sd/- Regional Manager,
RBO-4 Koramangala, A01, NW 1

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Under Rule 8(1)]

A/c. No.s: 39650127972

Whereas the under signed being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.05.2023** calling upon the borrower : Miss. Mary Angelina A D/o. Mr. Antony Cruwys, No. 30, 2nd Cross, Near Corner Café, Tavarekere, Bangalore 560029. Also at : i) No. 87/25, 2nd Cross, Tavarekere, Near Indira Convent, Bangalore 560081. ii) Flat No. 432, 4th Floor, DS-MAX STARRY Apartment, Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 562110. Office at : Infosys Pvt Ltd, Electronic City, Phase 1, Bangalore 560100 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 36,77,031/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Thirty One only) as on 03.05.2023 and future interest & Expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this **15.04.2026**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India, SARB, JC Road, Bengaluru** for an amount of **Rs. 46,69,737/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven only) as on 08.04.2026 and further interest from 09.04.2026 plus, costs etc thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
AMALGAMATED SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land property bearing old Sy. No. 76, new Sy. No. 76/2, which measuring 1 Acre and 02 guntas, situated at Margondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, in vide conversion order dated 16.01.2014, in vide conversion order No. ALN(AJ)SR/63/2013-14 for residential purpose, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and immovable converted land property bearing Sy. No. 76/1, which measuring a portion of 00-9-26 guntas, out of 4 Acres, situated at Margondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, in vide conversion order dated 04.07.2012, in vide conversion order No. ALN(AJ)SR/93/2012-13 for residential purpose, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, which totally measuring 1 Acre and 11.26 guntas and the same is **bounded on the : East by : Private property. West by : Road, North by : Private property, South by : Road and Private property.**

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 319 Sq. Ft. of undivided share of right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the amalgamated schedule 'a' property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the three bed rooms residential apartment/flat bearing unit No. 432, situated at 4th Floor, having super built up area of 1042 Sq. Ft in the above said residential apartment/building known as "DS-MAX STARRY" along with 319 sq.ft of undivided share of land in the amalgamated schedule 'a' property and one covered car parking area bearing No. 432, in the basement/ still floor, constructed in the amalgamated schedule 'a' property herein, finished with RCC roofing and vetrified tiles flooring with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts/s, staircase/s and all other areas of common use etc.

Date : 15.04.2026
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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NOTIFICATION No. 1/2026

APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHAIRPERSON (AID) / CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM

The Notification No. 01/2024, dated 06.02.2024 issued for filling up Two (2) posts of Chairperson/Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum (CGRF) in Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited is hereby **cancelled due to administrative reasons**. Hence, this Notification No.1/2026, Dt: 17-04-2026.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for Two (2) posts of Chairperson/CGRF. The applicant shall be a retired District Judge or a retired Judicial Officer or a retired Chief Engineer (Electrical)/Chief General Manager (Electrical) of Distribution/Transmission Licensee or a retired Chief General Manager (Accounts Services) of a Distribution Licensee, having 20 years of experience in the State of Telangana. For detailed notification, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and application format refer TGSPDCL website www.tgsotherpower.org at **Careers Link**.

Date: 17.04.2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Chairman & Managing Director,
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Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our Client intends to purchase the immovable property described in the **Schedule below ("Schedule Property")** which is owned by Mr. T. M. Ramanjinappa (son of Late Mr. Munishappa), residing at Tharabannahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk (now Yelahanka Taluk), Bengaluru Urban District ("Owner"). Maryata Developers Private Limited, a company having its registered office at No. 9/1, 2nd Floor, Classic Court, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 ("Agreement Holder") has represented that it has entered into the Agreement of Sale dated 19.3.2018, registered as Document No. YAN-1-09925-2017-18 (stored in CD No. YAND659) in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru with the Owner and the Owner has issued irrevocable General Power of Attorney dated 19.3.2018, registered as Document No. YAN-4-00395-2017-18 (stored in CD No. YAND659) in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru in favour of the Agreement Holder, and the said Agreement of Sale and General Power of Attorney are valid and subsisting as on date.

Any person, including any individuals, corporate bodies, partnership firms, banks, financial institutions, other lenders and government bodies, having any manner of right, title, interest, claim, benefit or demand in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, lien, possession, assignment, attachment, exchange, gift or in any other manner, is hereby called upon to intimate their objections and / or claims in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within **ten (10) days** from the date of this notice. If no such objection or claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owner and the Agreement Holder, has any right, interest or claim in or in relation to the Schedule Property and all rights, interests and claims, if any, which are not notified as stated above shall be treated as waived.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 7/8 admeasuring 17.12 m. towards East to West, 10.18 m. on the North, and 8.91 m. on the South in all aggregating to 163.410 sq. m. (1,758.295 sq. ft.) equivalent to 1.75 Guntas carved out of total extent of 13 Guntas in Survey No. 7/8 situated at Tharabannahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District which is bounded on its:

East by : The land bearing Survey No. 7/7;
West by : The land bearing Survey No. 7/9;
North by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Survey No. 7/8; and
South by : Road.

Signed/-
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Date: April 17, 2026

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.03.2026

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Khandre bats for CSR funds to end man-animal conflict, save Ghats

Says Rs 20cr sanctioned for the rehabilitation of families from Kudremeukh National Park

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOREST, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre on Thursday said there is a need for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for mitigating man-animal conflicts, addressing issues plaguing the Western Ghats and for the rehabilitation programmes for tribal and forest dwellers.

The minister was speaking on the sidelines of the curtain raiser of the third edition of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) Global CSR and Sustainability Summit – 2026 on Thursday. The summit is being organised on July 23 in association with UN Global Compact Network India on the theme Sustainability at Scale.

Khandre said the chief minister recently sanctioned Rs 20 crore for the rehabilitation of families from Kudremeukh National Park. So far 300 families have been rehabilitated, 300 families have given their consent, and the cases of 700 more need to be addressed. Unlike other regions, this area needs special focus because of the extremist problems that existed earlier. It has been calculated that at least Rs 1 crore is required for relocating and rehabilitating each family in this region, he said.

“Companies should come forward with CSR funds for these initiatives. The CSR funds should not be limited only to tree plantation, lake conservation and Bengaluru alone,” Khandre said.

The minister also said that in Telawadi village inside the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary near Belagavi, 27 families have shown interest in relocation. Rs 10 crore has been sanctioned and Rs 10 lakh in advance has been paid to each of the families. There are many more families living inside the forest, which need to be relocated to mitigate man-animal conflict. Funds are also required for purchasing land to strengthen and secure elephant corridors and protecting reserve forests and buffer zones around forests.

Khandre said that CSR funds will also be beneficial in ensuring technological support for forest works like satellite and drone monitoring, radio collaring and animal tracking.

Also present on the occasion, FKCCI President Uma Reddy said there is a need for driving impactful and sustainable initiatives that are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) to create lasting global impacts. The aim of the summit is to bring together corporates, MS-MEs, policy makers, NGOs and sustainability experts to discuss scalable CSR models, ESG integration and responsible governance.

Reddy said it has been announced that this year on, companies and industries that undertake afforestation activities should account for the survival and health of the saplings procured and planted. A portal is being created where details will have to be uploaded regularly. Each tree will be geo-tagged, she said.



Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre releases a brochure at the curtain raiser of FKCCI Global CSR and Sustainability Summit-2026 in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJ GADEKAL

No respite from wildlife attacks in Ballari: Bear killed in accident, another attacks farmer

Ballari: Back-to-back occurrences of wild animals venturing out to the human habitats have once again highlighted the growing need for action to mitigate the man-animal conflict in Ballari district. In two separate incidents reported from Ballari district, a male sloth bear was killed in a road accident, while a farmer sustained grievous injuries in a bear attack on Wednesday. In the first incident, an eight-year-old male sloth bear was killed on the spot after being hit by an unidentified vehicle on the busy Ballari-Hosapete highway on Wednesday. Forest officials rushed to the scene soon after receiving information and the carcass was buried as per procedure. In a separate incident reported from the Kurugodu taluk, a farmer was seriously injured when he was attacked by a sloth bear while he was on his way to his agricultural field in a village in the district. The injured farmer was rushed to the district hospital, where he is currently under treatment. His condition is said to be critical but stable, said hospital sources. Forest officials have urged residents living on the fringes of forests to exercise caution, especially during early morning and late evening, when wild animals are more likely to venture out. They also reiterated the need for motorists to drive carefully through forest stretches to prevent such incidents. **ENS**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

THE Additional District and Sessions Court (Special POC-SO) in Kalaburagi has sentenced an accused to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and slapped a fine of Rs 1.25 lakh on him for sexually assaulting a minor girl, said Special Public Prosecutor Shantaveer B Tuppad.

In a press note issued on Thursday, Tuppad, who argued the case on behalf of the prosecution, said that Nagesh abducted the girl – a resident of a village under the jurisdiction of Yadrami Police Station limits in Bengaluru – on the pretext of loving her and promising marriage.

Nagesh kept the girl with him in Bengaluru city for 56 days and during this period, raped her several times. The

girl managed to escape and returned to her village and informed her parents about the incident. A case was registered by the girl's family at the Yadrami police station.

Based on the complaint, CPI Rajesahab Nadaf conducted the investigation and submitted a chargesheet in the court under the POC-SO Act. Additional District and Sessions Court (Special POC-SO) Judge Mohammad Mujir Ullah CG, who heard the case, pronounced the judgment on Wednesday, sentencing Nagesh to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 1.25 lakh on him.

The judge has ordered that the Legal Services Authority should pay Rs 3 lakh compensation to the victim within a period of one month from the date of the judgment, Shantaveer said.

B'luru becomes a hub of heart care

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU is quickly becoming a major centre for advanced heart care in India. Doctors are increasingly using modern procedures like TAVR (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement) and TMVR (Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement). These methods are now replacing traditional open heart surgeries, even in complicated cases.

Dr Sanjay Mehrotra, senior consultant cardiologist at Narayana Institute of Cardiac

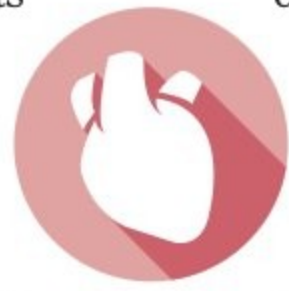
Sciences, in a media round table conference on Thursday, said these new technologies allow doctors to treat even complex heart conditions more safely, with better results and faster recovery.

“One of the biggest benefits for patients is faster recovery. People who undergo TAVR are often able to get back on their feet within 24-72 hours, compared to spending weeks in hospital after open-heart surgery. Global data shows more than 73 per cent of patients who under-

go TAVR or valve replacement surgery remain healthy without valve failure even after seven years,” he said.

These technologies are especially helpful for patients who need a second heart procedure. Earlier, repeat surgeries were very risky. Now, doctors can treat such cases without opening the chest again.

Dr Mehrotra said, adding, “With its advanced hospitals, experienced doctors, and access to latest technology, Bengaluru is becoming a model for heart care in India.”



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi

SN:PRD/BGM/PB-2/TENDER-02/2026-27/185 DATED:15-04-2026

Tender Invited (E-Procurement)

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Belagavi hereby invited tender from Registered Contractors for the Item rates through kppp Portal. There are total 55 (21255/CALL-2, 26106, 26109, 26110, 26112, 26114, 26119, 26121, 26123, 26141, 26122, 26144, 26147, 26148, 26149, 26151, 26127, 26136, 26137, 26143, 26155, 26156, 26157, 26159, 26160, 26162, 26163, 26164, 26172, 26166, 26167, 26169, 26168, 25434/CALL-3, 25432/CALL-3, 25425/CALL-3, 25441/CALL-3, 25444/CALL-3, 25437/CALL-3, 26108, 26111, 26116, 26150, 26158, 26171, 26170, 26174, 26113, 26125, 26153, 26154, 26163, 26165, 26115, 26118, 26133/16814/CALL-3) work have been called, Standard of tender documents KW-3 for price of Highest and Lowest Estimated Cost Rs. 100.00 Lakhs and Rs. 10.00 Lakh respectively and also Highest and Lowest EMD has As Per Procurement for each work. The last date for Submission of any Quarries is 24-04-2026 17:28 PM, the last date for submission of tender bid is on 27-04-2026 17:28 PM. Opening of technical bid is on 27-04-2026 11:00 AM and Expected Financial bid will be opened on 27-04-2026 11:30 AM. For any other information/clarifications please contact the below signed office, and also search internet for kppp-Portal website <http://kppp-proc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-Executive Engineer, P. R. E. Division, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/NO-107/KSMCA/2026-27

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No. 414, Poja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore – 560039.
Tel No. 080-25619333/ 7625079185.
Email Id: krpuram@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[provision to rule 9(1)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., K R Puram Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06-05-2026**, for recovery of **Rs.26,63,340/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mrs. Anjali Devi (Borrower)** and **Mr. Surendra Kumar** (Guarantor), as on 17-04-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 44,20,000/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,42,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Property Western Portion of Site No.25, Formed Old Assessment No. 193/19, New Assessment No. 193, Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West: 20 Ft and North to South: 40 Ft., Totally Measuring 800 Sq.ft. and Bounded On The East : Remaining Portion of Site No. 25, West : Private Property, North : Road, South : Site No 26.

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankauctionwiz.com

Sd/-
Date: 17.04.2026
Place : K. R. Puram

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

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Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -1
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take Notice that, my clients Sri N. Nagabhishekam and Smt. G. Pradeepa have entered into an Agreement for Sale on 9th April 2026 to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owners Mr. Ramachandra Kamath N and Mrs. Meena R Kamath.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential vacant site No.270, PID No.322090331 in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in 9th Block, Banashankari 6th stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 12-00 Meters and North to South: 18-00 Meters, in all measuring 216.00 Square Meters with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on:

EAST BY: Site No.269;
WEST BY: Site No.271,
NORTH BY: Road;
SOUTH BY: Site No.279 and 278

In view of the above, my clients hereby give a notice to the public at large and calls upon all or any persons to who have any valid agreement to sell or right, title, lien, charge, mortgage and interest or any objections whatsoever in the said property, prejudicial to the interest of the "other party" and who have already filed any suit, claim, dispute, petition, appeal or other like proceedings or obtained any decree, award or other such orders concerning the subject matter of the "said property" or who intend to file any such proceedings as described above for enforcing their right in the "said property", to submit all their objections and claims in writing along with supportive documentary proofs thereof, to the undersigned within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days of the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will presume that no adverse claims or objections concerning the "said property" exist or if they do exist, that stand waived hereinafter.

B. VENKATA REDDY, Advocate
No.2, CA Site No.8, 18th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-500 070, M: 9448323646/ 9481026915
email: kshamareddyadvocate@gmail.com
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 17.04.2026

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 1
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001

O.A. No. 2076/2024

Between: HDFC Bank Ltd., Having Branch Office at, Municipal No. 3/1, Ground Floor, Rashtrathana Bhavan, Ward No. 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560 001. ...Applicant

And: Mr. Sanampudi Hari Babu, aged about 33 years, No. 65/2, 7th Cross, 2nd main road, Vaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560 079.

Also at: Mr. Sanampudi Hari Babu, Bagmme World technology, Doddaneikuni Village, Bangalore - 560 048. ...Defendants

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendant for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.23,58,165.75** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Seventy Five Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **12/05/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 14.10.2025

Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -1
Bangalore

Bharat Coking Coal Limited
(A Mini Ratna Company)
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (B.C.C.L.) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of B.C.C.L. "www.bccclweb.in" Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal "<https://coallindiatenders.nic.in>" and Central Public Procurement Portal "<https://eprocure.gov.in>" In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal "<https://gem.gov.in>". This is applicable to all Open (Domestic / Global) Tenders issued through e-procurement portal of CIL.

This information is also available on BCCL website www.bccclweb.in

OFFICE OF MEMBER SECRETARY, RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIEF SOCIETY
MAHARANA BHUPAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, UDAIPUR
No./RMR/S/2026-27/37 Dated: 10/04/26

E Tender no. 01/10-04-2026
NIB NO. GHU2627A0001

Following Bids at Member Secretary, R.M.R.S., Maharana Bhupal Govt. Hospital, Udaipur are invited from interested bidder.

Sl.no.	Tender name	UBN NO.
1	Tender for Portable Tube sealer and Bench top Di-electric blood bag tube sealer	GHU2627GL0B00001
2	NABH Manayata paramarsh sewao ke pravast hetu job work	GHU2627WSRC00002
3	Discount on MRP Surgical items	GHU2627GLRC00003
4	Discount on MRP Medicine items	GHU2627GLRC00004
5	Supply, Installation and Validation of DNA Sequencing Facility	GHU2627GL0B00005

Other particular of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> of the state.

Sd/- Member Secretary
Rajasthan Medicare Relief Society
M.B.S.H., Udaipur

DIPR/C/6879/2026

The Brihannumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

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Re – invited e-tenders

(4) 81513, (5) 81514, (6) 81516.

Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

PRO/AAM(M)/08/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

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- Dean, Academics

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my clients **Mr. ARVET NAGENDRA, S/o Mr. Arvet Narayana Swamy and Mr. DINESH SHETTY S/o. Sri. Jagannatha Shetty** intends to Purchase all that piece and parcel of Agriculture Land bearing **Old Survey Number 67/2 and New Survey Number 67/3** situated at **Nadagowdipalihalalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas out of 2 Acres 15 Guntas**, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by: Road; **West by:** Land in Sy.No.66/2; **North by:** Block I in Sy.No.67/2 belongs to S.Raghu Manickam; **South by:** Road;

From its owner **Mr. SABU T VARGHESE S/o. Late Sri T.V.Varghese, Persons/Financial Institutions/ Firms** having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from this date of publication to the undersigned.

R. Santhosh Kumar Associates, Advocates, Flat No.406, Motil Meadows, Nagavara Main Road, Beniganahalli, Old Madras Road, C.V.Ramam Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.
Mobile No. 08047171808/ 9845602228/ 9866453653.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

O.A. No.357/2022

Between: Canara Bank, Majestic Branch, Majestic Branch, Majestic, Bengaluru - 560 009. ...Applicant

And: M/s. Anjanadri Shree Apparels and Others ...Defendants

NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 1. M/s. Anjanadri Shree Apparels, A Partnership Firm having place of business at No. 10, Vikasnagar, next to Shell Petrol Bunk, Tumkur Road, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560 015.

2. Sri Prakash K. P., S/o. Parameshwara ppa H. No. 316/A, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.46,76,925.26** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five and Paise Twenty Six Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of service of summons through Paper Publication on **19.05.2026 at 10.30 A. M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 13.04.2026.

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client namely **Sri. Sudhakar**, desirous to purchasing the schedule property from its present owner **Sri. B. Abdul Majid S/o B. Chand sahib** residing at Kurubara street, behind Govt school, Rampur, Kamal Nagar, Bidar District, Karnataka-585417. Any person or persons against any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or documents thereof or against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of my client should lodge his/her /their/its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within 07 days of the issuance of this Public Notice.

In the absence of any genuine and rightful objections and/or claims within the said period, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis of that there are no claims of what so ever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey Number 49/1 measuring an extent of 2 acres 13 guntas, situated at Sonnanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

D.N. JAYARAMA G. KANAKARAJ, Advocate
M.R.Complex, Sulbale Road, Devanahalli Town. Phone: 9900933086

Federal Bank

LCRD / Bangalore Division,
No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, "MSR West Park" Bangalore - 560001.
Phone No. : 8095828647, email id : bglrcrd@federalbank.co.in
Website : www.federalbank.co.in, CIN : L65191KL1931PLC00368

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

BGLCRD/SUR/ITS/ 2026-27

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Federal Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as Rules) issued a Demand Notice Dated 11-06-2025 calling upon the borrowers (1) **Shri / Smt. Naveen M. S/o. Muniraju B, Proprietor of M/s Ayush Enterprises** (a) Hennagara Post, Kachanyakanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560105 (b) Ground Floor, No. 80, Near Government School, Muniraju Kachanyakanahalli, Hennagara Post, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560105 (2) **Shri / Smt. Prema K, W/o Muniraju B, Kachanyakanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560105** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **₹ 1,74,89,253.20 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Four Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Three, paise Twenty only)** comprising (1) **₹ 1,61,25,998/-** as on **31.05.2025** under Cash Credit Limit with A/c. No. 21685500001816 (2) **₹ 12,62,47,90.02** as on **19.05.2025** under Demand Loan with A/c. No. 21686900000176 and (3) **₹ 1,00,776/-** as on **19.05.2025** under Term Loan – SME Care with A/c. No. 21686900000184

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this 15th April 2026

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets (security properties).

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Federal Bank Ltd. for an amount of **₹ 2,01,01,739.02 (Rupees Two Crore One Lakh One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine and Paise Two Only)** under the respective loan accounts comprising (1) **₹ 1,85,06,811/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Only)** as on **31.03.2026** under Cash Credit Limit with A/c. No. 21685500001816 (2) **₹ 14,85,890.02 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Two Paise Only)** as on **14.04.2026** under Demand Loan with A/c. No. 21686900000176 and (3) **₹ 1,09,038.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Nine Thousand Thirty Eight Only)** as on **19.03.2026** under Term loan – SME Care with A/c.No.21686900000184 and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Site Admeasuring 10 Guntas or 10890.05 Sq. Ft. bearing Sy.No. 46 (New Sy.No. 46/2), 607/46/2, PID No. 15020010320822370, Situated at Kachanyakanahalli, Jigini Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on **East by** : Property bearing Sy.No. 46/1, **West by** : Property bearing Sy.No. 45, **North by** : Property bearing Sy.No. 46/3 and Sy.No. 46/4 and **South by** : BMRDA Approved 9 Meter road and (Puravankara Properties), together with all building and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future.

Date : 15-04-2026
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act 2002.
(The Federal Bank Ltd.)

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and DMK functionaries raise slogans against the delimitation bill introduced in Parliament on Thursday | EXPRESS

DELIMITATION

‘Black law’: Stalin burns copy of bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin on Thursday burnt a copy of the delimitation bill at Namakkal and called it a “black law” that seeks to make the Tamil people “refugees” in their own land.

In a post on X, Stalin said, “Let the flames of resistance spread across Tamil Nadu. Let the arrogance of the fascist BJP be brought down.” Referring to the anti-Hindi agitation of the 1960s, he said, “The fire of resistance against Hindi imposition scorched Delhi. Today, I have reignited that fire by burning the copy of this black law. This fire will now spread across the Dravidian land. It will rise, it will rage, and it will bring the BJP’s arrogance to its knees.”

Party also hinted that it may move Supreme Court against the bill. As soon as Stalin unfurled the black flag, party functionaries, and ministers hoisted black flags at their homes, party offices and in public spaces across Tamil Nadu.

Stalin spreading lies due to fear of defeat: EPS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

DISMISSING DMK’s charge about delimitation’s adverse effect on Tamil Nadu, AIADMK general secretary **Edappadi K Palaniswami** accused CM of adopting “double standards” and questioned the need for black flag protest.

“Home Minister Amit Shah has already assured that Tamil Nadu and other states would not be affected, but fearing defeat in the polls, the CM is spreading misinformation about delimitation,” EPS said during a poll rally in Coimbatore. “Except Stalin, everyone else will be happy. He opposes 33% reservation for women to prevent the Centre from gaining credit,” EPS said.



ISRO received 1.5 lakh satellite collision alerts from US

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE USA-led multinational command centre, Combined Space Operations Centre of the United States Command, has issued over 1,50,000 space debris and collision alerts for Indian Space Research Organisation’s (ISRO) earth orbiting satellites, according to the Indian Space Situational Awareness Report for 2025 (ISSAR-2025).

In the report, ISRO noted that there were four collision avoidance manoeuvres (CAM) for Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO), while 14 CAMs – including one for NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) – were performed for the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites.

The report was released by ISRO on Thursday for the public to assess. It was announced on April 8 during the international conference on spacecraft mission operations-2026, in Bengaluru.

ISRO said wherever feasible, collision avoidance requirements were being met by adjusting orbit maintenance manoeuvres to avoid exclusive CAMs. They also noted that all manoeuvre plans, including those from CAMs, were subject to close approach risk analysis to rule out any potential close approaches with other space objects in the vicinity. They accounted revising 82 manoeuvre plans to avoid post-manoeuve

close approaches with other space objects for LEO satellites. Similarly, on two occasions, manoeuvre plans had to be revised to avoid post-manoeuve conjunctions for GEO satellites.

Conjunction assessment and collision risk mitigation were also being followed for deep-space missions. Citing the case of Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, ISRO scientists said 16 orbital manoeuvres were carried out in the lunar orbit and on two occasions (January 1 and July 24, 2025), the orbits were readjusted to avoid collisions with NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO).

The first instance of collision that was addressed by

ISRO and NASA scientists was on October 18, 2021. Since then many technological interventions are being used for early detection of objects in orbit. ISRO scientists added that for spacecraft security, they have also been coordinating with many agencies, particularly for Chandrayaan-2 with Firefly Aerospace, Intuitive Machines and iSpace.

The ISSAR-2025 report also detailed how the IRNSS-ID, the fourth of the seven Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Systems, was raised to a graveyard orbit, nearly 600 km above the geostationary belt and made inactive. ISRO said this was the first-ever disposal of an Indian satellite operating in an inclined geosynchronous orbit. The Car-

tosat-2A satellite, launched in 2008, was also dealt with in the same way when it became non-operational in 2025.

Following the objective for a debris-free space environment, the Technology Experiment Satellite and POEM-4 re-entered Earth’s atmosphere through natural decay. Also, two more upper stages of the SSLV-D3 mission – the Velocity Trimming Module (VTM) and the solid stage (SS3) – re-entered the atmosphere. Eight debris objects originating from the fragmentation of PSLV C3 re-entered the atmosphere in 2025, while 33 remained in orbit as of 31 December 2025. The total number of Indian objects re-entering the atmosphere in 2025 was 12.



Experts push for buffer zones for Yana caves

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“THE striking rock masses at Yana were formed 2,700 million years ago and are composed of pre-cambrian dolomitic limestone. Over millions of years intense tropical weathering, coupled with chemical dissolution led to the development of characteristic karst features. Yana region hosts 61 distinct karsts and Bhairaveshwara Shikhara and Mohini Shikara are the most dominant peaks. These two famous paired massive black monoliths are also linked with popular mythological narratives and well known for pilgrimage,” the letter read.

MD Subhash Chandran, consulting scientist, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, said it is a commendable step.

“It is a fine forest with a geological monument and it is also a perennial source of water for Aghanashini river. Because of lime rich dolomite, water resources here are perennial. They keep on releasing water. It’s a timely declaration, an eye opener for greater protection for Yana and its surroundings. A buffer zone should also be considered for protection and for the drainage basin of the Yana rivulet and its biodiversity,” he said.



TVK chief Vijay at the release of the party's manifesto for the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections in Chennai on Thursday | EXPRESS

TVK POLL MANIFESTO PROMISES ₹2,500 FOR WOMEN

CHENNAI: With just a week to go for the polls, TVK president Vijay released the party's manifesto for the elections, and assured that as an MLA he would visit his constituency once a month. Among the 10 key guarantees include ₹2,500 for women heads of households, six free cooking gas cylinders a year, one sovereign of gold ring for newborn and ₹15,000 education assistance for mothers of school going children. Vijay appealed to the people to put the party's whistle symbol as Kolam in front of their house.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: EE(E)/PDN/AEE-2/26-27/99-100 Date: 13.04.2026

NOTIFICATION
KPTCL, has formulated a scheme under section 67 of the Electricity Supply Act 2003 and the same is here with published in pursuance of section 67 (ii) of the said Act for information of the general public. Particulars of the scheme are as follows.
1. Name of the scheme:
i. Establishing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Sub-station at Shanappanahalli in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
ii. Running 66KV, 1000 Sqmm UG Cable LIFO from proposed CTT in existing 66 kV NRS-DB Pura - Devanahalli - 2 DC line to proposed 66/11KV Shanappanahalli sub-station for a route length of 1.06 Kms in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
UG cable Passes through these area Roads:Sy. No.184, 182/3, 183/2, 183/3, 29/3, 30/1, 30/2, 30/3,30/4 and 41 Shanappanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,Shanappanahalli.
Estimate Cost of the Project: Station: Rs. 4728.87 Lakhs
The corporation shall have and exercise all powers, which the telegraph authorities process under Para (iii) of Indian Telegraph Act 1885(13 of 1885) for carrying of the above scheme. Objection or discrepancies to the scheme, if any should be sent to the Executive Engineer (Ele.) Project Division North, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru within 15 Days from the date of publication of this notification for consideration by the corporation.
**Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Project Division-North, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru.**

कार्यालय नगर निगम, अजमेर
प्रकाशित की गई सूचना के पास प्रारम्भिक सोलहवें मार्ग, अजमेर (राजस्थान) कोल नं. 0145-2429971, 2429920
क्रमांक :- MEW/2026-27/20 दिनांक :- 13/04/2026

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 02/2026-27
नगर निगम अजमेर की ओर से नगर निगम अजमेर एवं अन्य राजकीय विभागों में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेंडर व्यवस्था कार्य के अनुमती सेवेको जो कि केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग, डाक एवं दूरसंचार, रेलवे या अन्य राज्य सरकार, केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों जो राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के सेवेको के समकक्ष हो (निविदा पात्रता पंजीकरण के नियमों के अनुसार मान्य) जो निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया से टेंडर व्यवस्था कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
निविदा कार्य की कुल लागत 150.00 लाख (1 कार्य)
ऑनलाइन निविदा प्रपत्र Date 13.04.2026 से 19.04.2026 को
डाउनलोड/अपलोड करने की अवधि 6.00 PM तक
Technical निविदा खोलने की तिथि व समय Date 20.04.26 को 11:00AM पर
Financial निविदा खोलने की तिथि सफल निविदादाता को दूभाषा/ईमेल से सूचित कर दिया जावेगा।
चिरतुत विवरण वेबसाइट <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> एवं <http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर एवं नगर निगम के निर्माण विभाग के कार्यालय में भी देखा जा सकती है।
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नगर निगम अजमेर

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
Tele: 08232 – 274571, E-Mail: manmulpurchase@gmail.com
IFT NO: MMU/PURE/Procu./Tender - 03/2026-27 Date: 13.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)
Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tender for "Design as per site condition, supply, installation and commissioning of 30 KLPH milk processing unit, silo's along with accessories, scada integration and logic development on turnkey basis". The bidders can download the documents from **16.04.2026** and Last date of submission of tender **30.05.2026** at 17.30 hrs, Date of opening of Technical tender **01.06.2026** after 11.30 hrs & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested bidders may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public are hereby Notice that my client My Client Shamsundar, S/o Late Ohalappa, Riat No. 19/2, 6th Cross, Jalahalli, Near HMT Hospital, Bengaluru-560113, in the name of the original grantee Sri. Chinappa S/o Late Varadappa Jalahalli Village, Yeashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Sy No.1/1 vide Government Hukam No.R2020DN.No.55, dated 18.02.1989 Block No.1, House No.110, 186, JVP No.67/58-59 original Grand Certificate lost on 24.08.2023 in Near HMT Hospital in request that have lodge the online complaint on 02.04.2026 vide complaint No.2136307 Wherefore requested to General Public that the same is found they may be handed over to the address given below it is made clear that the above original grant certificate Venkatesh K. Advocate, No.16/2, Ground Floor, 11th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002, Mob:9954054814

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

CORRIGENDUM
With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-02/2026-27 dated 10.04.2026 published in this newspaper on 11.04.2026, the below mentioned sites have been withdrawn from the e-Auction.

Sl. No.	Notification Sl.No.	Layout	Site No.
1	01	RMV 2nd stage, Nagashettihalli	15
2	14	Chandra Layout, Kempapura Agrahara	Sy.No.389/4
3	15	Chandra Layout, Kempapura Agrahara	Sy.No.501/9
4	16	Chandra Layout, Kempapura Agrahara	Bulk Property
West Zone			
5	3	Sir M.Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Ramasandra	1466
South Zone			
6	8	Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, Sompura	661
7	9	Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block, Sompura	606

The other terms and conditions remain the same. BDA regrets for the inconvenience.
Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAofficialGok
Sd/- Engineer Member

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING FEDERATION LTD
NO.8, CUNNINGHAM ROAD, BANGALORE – 560052
PHONE NO.: 080-22255091-92 FAX: 080-22265096
No.KSCMF/ENG/14/2026-27 Date: 16 .04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Sealed item rate tenders in duplicate will be received from the registered KPWD Contractors for the following works.
1. Date of issue of Blank tender form **17.04.2026 to 24.04.2026 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**
2. Date of submission of Sealed Tenders **27.04.2026 up to 3.00 PM**
3. Date of opening of tender **27.04.2026 at 3.30 PM & onwards**
The Marketing Federation reserves the right of accepting or rejecting any of the Tender without assigning any reason. For other Tender conditions and further details, the Tenderer may contact the Executive Engineer during office hours at the above said address.

Sl No	Name of the work	Amount put to Tender (in Rs.)	E.M.D in Rs.	Cost of Tender form	Time limit for completion of the work.
01	Construction of Compound wall in the premises of KSCMF Ltd., Bellary.	4,91,832.00 + GST	12,000.00	1,000.00 +GST	45 Days including monsoon
02	Providing and fixing of Gate and other Miscellaneous works at KSCMF Ltd., PF Unit, Peenya.	4,95,395.00 + GST	12,000.00	1,000.00 +GST	45 Days including monsoon

**Sd/-
General Manager**

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
Notification No: KHB/CE/AEF/S&S/Hoovinahalli-Hassan/ KHB/2026-27/SE0378 Date: 16.04.2026
Karnataka Housing Board has invited tender through KPP Portal for appointment of Architectural Engineering Firm (AEF) for the Proposed Development of sites and services scheme in an extent of 494A-14.12G at Hoovinahalli Kaval & Hoovinahalli Village in Kasaba Hobli, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District
Last date for submission of bid is on 30.04.2026 upto 4.00 PM.
For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511, Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**
DIPR/CP/210/AKAR/2026-27

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯಂಕರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಸ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-04-2026

ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ/ಇ-ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್‌ಗಳು:- ದಿನಾಂಕ:- ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಬಿಡ್ಡರ್‌ಗಳು:- 1370 ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 17-03-2026, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ 2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಡಿಸಿದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು, ಅಪ್ರಾಯಸ್ಕಳಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದರೆ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಮಹಾನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
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ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯಂಕರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836-2213834ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್‌ಮಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-04-2026 ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 03 ಹಾಗೂ 05 ರಿಂದ 12ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27-04-2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 03 ಹಾಗೂ 05 ರಿಂದ 12ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28-04-2026 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ 04ರ ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (e-Auction) ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದರೆ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಮಹಾನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ (KPPF) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗಡೆಡೆಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-04-2026 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕುರಿತು ಸಲಹಾಬಹುದಾರರು (Bidders) ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧ್ಯಯಂಕರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಹು-ಧಾ. ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.
• ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20-04-2026 ರಂದು 17.30:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
• ಇ-ಪ್ರಾಬು ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-04-2026 ರಂದು 17.30:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
• ಇ-ಪ್ರಾಬು ಜರುಗುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27-04-2026 ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಿಂದ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5:30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
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PRECISION AND CLARITY MUST GUIDE DELIMITATION DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

THE special session of Parliament has brought into sharp focus the complex interplay between women's reservation and the larger question of political representation. The introduction of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, alongside the Delimitation Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, has understandably triggered a wider debate that goes beyond the immediate objective of enhancing women's participation in legislatures.

The government has sought to address concerns—particularly from southern states—that delimitation could alter the federal balance. Its assurance of a 50 percent across-the-board increase in Lok Sabha seats, from 543 to a potential 850, is aimed at preserving the existing proportional share of states while expanding overall representation. This approach also enables the creation of 272 seats reserved for women without reducing the current representation of men, while easing the burden of very large constituencies where each MP represents 25-27 lakh people on average.

These clarifications are significant and merit consideration. At the same time, the concerns expressed by several states, including those articulated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, reflect a broader anxiety about maintaining a fair and transparent framework for representation. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has sought to reassure that states such as Tamil Nadu would, in fact, see a marginal increase in their share of seats following expansion.

However, the debate underscores the need for greater legislative clarity. The principle of proportionality, central to the government's argument, is not explicitly embedded in the Delimitation Bill. Similarly, the interplay between different Census benchmarks—the legacy of 1971 for interstate balance and the use of the latest available Census for redrawing constituencies—requires clearer articulation. In matters of such long-term consequence, precision in law is essential to building confidence across regions.

There is also a procedural imperative. Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, making consensus-building crucial. Given the scale and sensitivity of the proposed changes, wider political accommodation would strengthen both the reform and its acceptance.

The expansion of the Lok Sabha presents an opportunity to make representation more equitable and inclusive. Ensuring that this process is anchored in transparency and trust will be key to reinforcing the spirit of cooperative federalism that underpins the Union.

POLLUTED CITIES SHOULD ACCELERATE SHIFT TO EVs

INDIA'S transition to e-mobility has been picking up over the past five years. Electric vehicles have ceased to be a metro-only phenomenon; cities such as Surat, Jaipur and Lucknow are now driving the change towards cheaper and cleaner mobility. The technology has also been democratised to include three-wheeler autos and two-wheeler delivery bikes. A subsidy scheme that closed in 2024 incentivised the sale of 16,15,080 EVs; it has been replaced by a new scheme. The government appears well on its way to achieving the goal of 30 percent EV sales penetration by 2030.

Facing increasing vehicle pollution, most states are in a race to offer sops ranging from road tax and registration fee exemption to subsidies. The latest to update its support scheme is Delhi, consistently one of the most polluted cities in the world. It has mandated that all new three-wheelers registered from January 1, 2027 will have to be electric and no petrol two-wheelers will be registered from April 1, 2028.

Other cities that frequently report hazardous air quality, such as Mumbai and Kolkata, must also switch to EVs in a phased manner. China's determined war on pollution—declared around the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, with the 2022 Winter Olympics as a deadline—is worth emulating. Between 2009 and 2023, China is estimated to have spent around \$231 billion developing its EV industry. Today, it's the global leader in their components, manufacture and use.

One roadblock to EV growth in India is the inadequate network of charging and battery-swap stations. Karnataka, which hosts several major EV manufacturers and startups, has the largest network of over 5,700 stations. Private companies are now partnering with the government's National Highways for EV programme to set up 72,000 fast-charging stations, aiming for one every 25 km along 50 highways. To achieve its 2030 objective, the country will need 25-30 lakh charging points, with at least 13 lakh public stations.

If the environment is the main reason to swerve towards EVs, recycling and disposal of batteries needs to be stepped up, along with ensuring more clean power supply to meet the rising demand. The question is not whether India will take up these challenges—it's only about when and in what manner.

QUICK TAKE

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

ONE of the sectors the Gulf war is hitting hard is food exports. The latest perishable to see prices crash because of choked West Asian routes is banana, with farmers in the largest producer states Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Kerala incurring big losses. Other exported foods that depend substantially on Gulf markets include premium rice, meat, spices and onions. Mango producers are also expressing anxiety over a lost export season. Though Indian customers are benefitting from the lower prices, the producers are in dire straits. Higher fertiliser prices are adding to their woes. With the war's resolution still up in the air, the conversation among Indian lawmakers must shift towards supporting the farmers who feed this \$12-billion market.

THE conversation on women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) has, for too long, been framed around inclusion. It is time to reframe it around power, leadership and agency. The real question is not whether women should participate in science and technology, but whether they will shape its future.

Across the world, women are stepping forward not just as scientists and innovators, but as institution builders, capital allocators and ecosystem shapers. Their influence is redefining how we think about empowerment—not as access alone, but as the ability to create, lead and transform systems.

India begins from a position of latent strength. Women account for a significant 43 percent of its STEM graduates, placing the country among the strongest globally in terms of participation. The imperative now is to convert this participation into authority and leadership.

Though women enter STEM education in significant numbers, their drop-offs at senior levels—in research leadership, deep-tech entrepreneurship and policy influence—remain stark. This is not a pipeline problem alone. It is a power asymmetry. Empowerment in STEM must, therefore, move beyond with elevation to leadership, ownership and participation in decision-making.

Encouragingly, India's wider policy experience shows what is possible when structural barriers are removed. Over the past decade, women's access to assets, credit, health and basic infrastructure has expanded at unprecedented scale. More than 72 percent of homes under PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) are owned by women, while women account for nearly 69 percent of loans sanctioned under the Mudra Yojana and 84 percent of beneficiaries under the Stand-Up India scheme. These outcomes demonstrate that when women are given agency and control over resources, participation can translate into leadership.

When women lead in science, they expand the frontier of what science chooses to solve. They bring not just representation, but reorientation. From healthcare to climate science, women leaders often prioritise preventive and community health models, focus on access, affordability and equity, and drive collaborative, interdisciplinary innovation. This is not anecdotal; it is structural. Diverse leadership produces more relevant, scalable and humane solutions.

A defining shift of our time is that

Women form a significant share of India's STEM graduates. It's time to elevate them to positions where they can also shape the budgets and policies that govern science

WOMEN AS LEADERS IN SCIENCE AND TECH, NOT JUST PARTICIPANTS

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women are not waiting to be included; they are deploying capital and influence to build new pathways. American philanthropist MacKenzie Scott has redefined large-scale trust-based philanthropy, directing billions towards education, equity and institutional capacity. Closer home, Rohini Nilekani has consistently emphasised building public goods and ecosystems—recognising that access to knowledge, digital infrastructure and education are foundational to participation in the future economy.

In India, this shift is also being reinforced by public policy that expands women's economic agency by bringing them into the mainstream. Over the past decade, the country has invested in enabling conditions that free up women's time, energy and ambition. Clean cooking access through more than 10

crore Ujjwala LPG connections has reduced health burdens. Tap water to over 14 crore rural households under the Jal Jeevan Mission has lifted one of the most invisible forms of unpaid labour. Improved dignity and safety through Swachh Bharat—where over 90 percent of women report freedom from the dangers of open defecation—has transformed everyday lives.

Yet, we risk under-leveraging this advantage if women continue to be underrepresented in advanced research, innovation ecosystems and leadership roles. Empowerment must therefore be engineered deliberately. Women trained in science and technology bring evidence-based thinking, data literacy and systems reasoning into governance—strengthening policymaking across public health, cli-

NEW FORMULAS FOR FAIR FEDERALISM

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in all, the maximum increase would for Uttar Pradesh—from 80 to 89, while demographic performers would get an increase smaller than nine.

This is fair federalism. The formula acknowledges that states are meaningful political units. It's not just the southern states that had adopted the goal of containing population growth; the lot included Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal as well.



It's possible to protect principles of federalism while addressing the needs to expand legislatures and reserve a third seats for women. With a few meaningful tweaks, demographic performance can be rewarded and proportional representation ensured

Proposal Two: Women's reservation

If India adds a layer of proportional representation (PR) alongside the current first-past-the-post (FPTP) system for elections, one-third women's representation would become easier and more precise. But whether it is fair would depend on how the hybrid system is designed.

In a PR system, parties submit ranked candidate lists and seats are allocated based on vote shares. This allows built-in gender balancing. We propose that parties be asked to mandatorily keep a third of their lists for women. It would directly and fairly translate into seats.

Under FPTP you can reserve constitu-

encies. But it disrupts voter choice—it requires rotation and you cannot guarantee outcome with just candidate quotas. By contrast, under PR the seat allocation is controlled at the list level and gender quotas can be enforced mathematically and transparently. It also ensures better reflection of vote share into seat share, which is a huge improvement on FPTP. The unfairness of the FPTP system can be demonstrated by an example. In the 2014 general election, the BJP's vote share was 31.3 percent, but its seat share was almost 52 percent. On the other hand, the Congress bagged only 8 percent of the seats with 19.5 percent of the votes.

It's proposed that PR be applied only to ensure India reaches 33 percent seats for women, so to be used only to elect women and only to the added seats, not to the existing FPTP constituencies.

It's suggested the LS seats be increased to 651, not the excessive level the government is proposing—so 216 of them would be for women. If half these seats—that is, 108—are to be elected using FPTP (with states receiving women's seats in accordance with their shares in the current total of 543 LS seats), the other half can be elected using PR in the expanded LS (651 – 543 = 108).

Then there is the question of reservation Scheduled Castes and Tribes, which intersect with women's reservation. In the current LS, there are 84 seats for Scheduled Castes and 47 for Scheduled Tribes. These will need to apply to the PR portion of the expanded LS, otherwise their shares will drop.

There are two ways to integrate the two. The simpler method is through parallel quotas, without overlaps between them. The second is nested quotas, which is socially better balanced. Here, you ensure representation of SC and ST women within the totals—28 SC seats and 16 ST ones. Thus, we would count SC/ST women elected under FPTP and use PR seats to specifically fill the SC/ST women's seats.

Thus, all three objectives of expanding the size of legislatures can be achieved—only if we have the political will to make the necessary changes.

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mate and digital infrastructure.

In the age of artificial intelligence, this becomes even more critical. AI systems are not neutral; they reflect the data, assumptions and values embedded within them. Women leaders with STEM grounding are uniquely positioned to shape AI regulation and deployment so that innovation remains inclusive, ethical and socially responsive.

If we are serious about women's empowerment in STEM, we must focus on four structural levers. **Early confidence, not just early exposure:** ensuring girls see themselves as future scientists, engineers and innovators. **Networks that matter:** providing mentorship, sponsorship and peer networks that are critical to progression. **Flexible career pathways:** not allowing career breaks to become career dead-ends. **Access to capital and platforms:** supporting women as founders and builders in deep-tech and life sciences.

These levers are most effective when backed by systems that reduce time poverty and health burdens—areas where India's development experience offers valuable lessons. Women's empowerment in STEM is not about incremental progress. It is about systemic redesign. It requires institutions that promote women into leadership, capital that backs women-led innovation, policies that enable continuity and scale, and narratives that celebrate women as creators of science—not just contributors.

The future of STEM will be defined not just by technological breakthroughs, but by who leads them. Empowerment is not the end goal; it is the starting point. The real objective is power. And it is time women claim it—fully, visibly and decisively.

Moving from aspiration to action requires not only cultural and institutional change, but legislative intent. A significant step in that direction has been taken with the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023—the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Amendment) Act, which reserves one-third of all seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, including for seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Notably, this was the first Bill to be taken up in the new Parliament building, signalling its place at the heart of India's soaring ambitions. The new Bill creates the structural imperative to ensure that scientific talent also shapes the laws, budgets and policies that govern science itself.

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Added burden

Ref: *Answer to South's delimitation woes* (Apr 16). The opposition's move is understandable. The increase in number of seats entails much more expenditure now in maintaining an increased number of offices. The added spending would result in an unconscionable rise in tax burden of the common man. **N Rama Rao, email**

Efficient legislature

A fair delimitation exercise and quota for women can easily be considered independently. The more serious issue is the suggested staggering rise in seats. The inefficient and corrupt legislative and executive systems worsen the situation. To be sensible to the times, the number of legislators needs to be made more efficient. **P R V Raja, Pathanamthitta**

Bihar beltway

Ref: *BJP's Bihar moment* (Apr 16). BJP has achieved the milestone of heading Bihar, which has been elusive for long. Choudhary has to do a lot of tightrope walking to increase the aspirational foothold while keeping JDU in good humour. Strained state finances and unemployment require additional footing. **Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru**

Credit inclusivity

Ref: *Ensuring to borrow is to build* (Apr 16). In the context of women's credit inclusion, Stree Nidhi credit cooperative federation in Telangana stands out as a unique and impactful institution. The model has been replicated in multiple states, demonstrating scalability and effectiveness. A Centre-state collaboration now would significantly empower grassroots entrepreneurship. **Ramesh Y, Hyderabad**

Women's voice

Ref: *Women's quota* (Apr 16). Women's participation is imperative to bring reform in lawmaking. Their inclusion will give a boost to issues like reproductive health, maternity and crime against women. The move will empower women with their voice heard on a forum of power. **Abhिलाsha Gupta, Mohali**

Fiercer war

Ref: *Red Sea trade halt* (Apr 16). Iran adopting a fiercer stance, signals it is not backing down. Its warning to halt Red Sea trade underscores escalating brinkmanship. This move ahead of next week's peace talks risks derailing further negotiations. **P V Prakash, Mumbai**

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Urges Oppn not to give political colour to bills for women's quota

Takes a swipe at DMK members for wearing black clothes in LS

Highlights women's growing political leadership at grassroots

Rejects charges of sidestepping demand for an OBC quota

Oppose quota bill, risk losing polls: PM

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DISPELLING fears on the delimitation exercise, PM Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted that no state—big or small, north or south, east or west—will be discriminated against in the delimitation of constituencies linked to the implementation of the women's quota law, which mandates 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.

Intervening in the debate in the Lok Sabha on the three bills moved to amend the women's quota law, Modi appealed to the opposition not to give a political colour to the government's bills for implementation of the women's reservation law and warned that those who had opposed the bill in the past had suffered badly in elections.

"If we all come together, it'll not go in favour of any one person or party. Women have not forgotten those who have stood against their rights," he said.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill to amend the women's quota law was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday after a division of votes as demanded by the opposition parties. The INDIA bloc said that it would vote against the constitutional amendment bill on delimitation.



PM Narendra Modi speaks in the Lok Sabha during the special session of Parliament on Thursday | PTI

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Narendra Modi, PM

Two ordinary bills—the Delimitation Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill to implement the proposed amended women's quota law in Union territories of Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir—were also introduced in the House.

Taking a swipe at DMK members in the LS for wearing black clothes to protest the women's quota law amendment bill, he said it works as a 'kala tika' to ward off evil eyes.

On opposition charges of delay in the implementation of the act after its passage in September 2023, PM Modi said that though everyone urged for the act to be taken up in 2023-24 itself, it did not materialise due to time constraints. "Let us all MPs not miss this important opportunity to give reservations to women," he said.

In a lighter vein, Modi said that the government does not want credit for implementing

the women's quota law in 2029 and is ready to give the credit to the opposition. "Anyone here can publish their photo; I will give you a blank cheque to take credit. We don't want credit. If you want me to use the word 'guarantee', I will use the word 'guarantee'. If you want me to make a promise, I will use the word 'promise'," he said.

"If you oppose me, it's obvious that it will benefit me politically, but if you support us, no one will benefit," he added. Responding to SP's Akhilesh

Yadav's charges on the government sidestepping the demand for an OBC quota, Modi said, "Akhilesh is my friend, so at times he does offer support. It is true that I come from an extremely backward section of society, but my responsibility is to take everyone along."

In India's development journey, MPs have had the opportunity to involve women in decision-making, he said. "I have come to appeal to you that you do not see this from a political lens; this is a decision in national interest," he said.

"The Constitution has shown me this path, and for me, the Constitution is supreme. It is the strength of our Constitution that a person like me, from a very humble and backward background, has been entrusted with such a great responsibility by the country," he said.

Highlighting women's growing "political leadership" at the grassroots level, Modi said the quota bill is important for every political party that wants to succeed in the future. "We want a 'Viksit Bharat', where policy-making truly embodies the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.' It is the demand of the time that 50% of the country's population becomes part of policy-making," he said.

Neither men nor any state will suffer losses, Meghwal assures House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Thursday introduced key amendment bills to operationalise the Women's Reservation law passed in 2023, proposing a major expansion of the Lok Sabha and a nationwide delimitation exercise.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, the centerpiece of the legislative push, proposes increasing the Lok Sabha's strength from the existing 543 seats to a maximum of 850, including 815 seats for states and 35 for UTs. Alongside the Delimitation Bill, 2026, the bill seeks a readjustment of parliamentary and assembly constituencies.

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said the number of seats across states will increase by 50%, with 272 of the 815 seats reserved for women. "Neither men nor any state will suffer any loss after the implementation of the women's quota," he said in the Lok Sabha.

He added reservations for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes would be provided within the overall quota in both Par-



liament and state assemblies.

Referring to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023, Meghwal said that without the proposed amendment, reservation of constituencies for women may not be feasible in time for the 2029 general elections, as it depends on post-2026 census data. "The main objective of the bill is to give women their due rights," he said.

Highlighting India's early adoption of equal voting rights, Meghwal said women in the United States received voting rights 144 years after men, while in the United Kingdom, women were granted conditional voting rights in 1918 and full rights only in 1928. "In India, women got the right to vote along with men since the first election," he said.

Implement quota law within existing 543 seats: Priyanka



PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

EXTENDING full support for women's reservation if the government implemented it with honesty, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to roll it out within the existing strength of the Lok Sabha, along with provisions for SC, ST and OBC women.

Participating in the Lok Sabha debate on three bills to advance the women's quota law, she accused the government of eroding democratic institutions by exerting pressure on bodies such as the Election Commission and the judiciary. She alleged that the Constitution amendment bill represents an "open attack" on democracy.

She noted that the same government had unanimously passed the Women's Reservation Bill in 2023, with a condition that it would be implemented after a fresh census followed by delimitation.

Questioning the shift, she asked why the government now plans to base delimitation and

reservation on the 2011 census instead of conducting a fresh one. She argued that this move would deny OBC women their rights, as the 2011 census does not include OBC data. Priyanka claimed that the current debate was less about women's reservation and more about increasing LS seats from 543 to 850.

Referring to the introduction of 33% reservation for women in local bodies during Rajiv Gandhi's tenure, she said the PM presented only "half the story," alleging that BJP had opposed the measure at the time.

She criticised the proposed 50% expansion of Parliament, noting absence of any clear process or framework in the bill. Despite government assurances, she expressed concern that the bill could reduce states' representation in Parliament.

Congress deputy leader Gaurav Gogoi accused the government of attempting political gains through delimitation. "What was done in J&K and Assam is now being attempted nationwide in the name of women's reservation," he said.

Women's groups make plea
Over 60 women's outfits have petitioned MPs to implement women's reservation independent of delimitation and Census-linked provisions. The petition, signed by more than 500 individuals, criticises the proposed bill for "wrongly linking" women's reservation to the Census and delimitation process. It argues that the existing provision of 33% reservation in legislatures, as enacted in 2023, can be implemented immediately.



Voting expected at 4 pm today

Voting on all three bills, including the delimitation bill, is expected to take place at 4 pm. The NDA does not have the required numbers in Parliament to pass the constitutional amendment bill with a two-thirds majority unless it is able to secure additional support or ensure abstentions from some opposition members. The NDA currently has the backing of 293 MPs in the Lok Sabha, which is about 54% of the House, while the opposition has 233 MPs. To pass, the Constitution amendment requires support from two-thirds of members present and voting, which is 360 MPs. However, this number can change depending on how many MPs abstain.

Harivansh to be deputy chair amid Oppn stir

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AMID mounting political confrontation, journalist-turned-politician Harivansh is set to be re-elected Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha for a third term, even as the Opposition has announced a boycott of the April 17 election, accusing the government of undermining parliamentary conventions.

Harivansh, 69, recently nominated to the Upper House by the President, took oath on April 10, the same day former Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar was sworn in, marking the beginning of his third term in the Rajya Sabha. With the NDA holding a numerical advantage and no Opposition candidate in

the fray, his re-election is expected to be unanimous.

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat received five notices proposing his name, each stating that "Harivansh be chosen as the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha", while no motion was filed by the Opposition within the stipulated time. As per procedure, motions will be moved and seconded sequentially, and the adoption of one will render the

rest infructuous, with the first motion likely to be carried by voice vote. Once elected, he will be escorted to the Chair by members from both Treasury and Opposition benches.

However, the Opposition, led by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, has criticised the process, linking its boycott to the government's failure to appoint a Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha for seven years. He said the situa-

tion "has never happened before," and questioned the precedent of fielding a nominated member for the post.

Ramesh also alleged the absence of "any meaningful consultations with the Opposition", adding that the decision to stay away was "a mark of protest—but not with any disrespect to the very learned Shri Harivansh." He noted, "Never before has a person nominated by the President to the Rajya Sabha been considered for the post of its Deputy Chairman."

Despite the protest, the NDA has pushed ahead, with Leader of the House J P Nadda engaging parties to build consensus, though Opposition groups, including Congress, TMC and Left, remain opposed.

Nominated to Rajya Sabha for 3rd time on April 10

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WOMEN POWER
Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje (second right) with BJP MPs Bansuri Swaraj (second left) and Sadhana Singh (right) on Thursday | PTI

SP seeks Muslim, OBC women's quota, stokes row

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

A sharp exchange took place in the Lok Sabha on Thursday over the Samajwadi Party's demand to extend reservation for Muslim and OBC women under the women's reservation framework, with Home Minister Amit Shah firmly rejecting the proposal as unconstitutional.

The confrontation began as SP MP Dharmendra Yadav opposed the introduction of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill and related legislation aimed at implementing 33 percent reservation for women after delimitation.

"In the name of the Women's



Bill, the government wants to do across India what it did in Kashmir and Assam (through delimitation). The entire Opposition will oppose it. If there is no quota for OBC women and Muslim women, the SP will not support it. We want the Bill to be withdrawn," he said.

Yadav argued the draft laws

were "destroying and dismantling" the Constitution and said linking delimitation with women's quota violated its spirit.

During the debate, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav also questioned the BJP's record on women's representation and called for quotas for OBCs and Muslim women. He pushed for a caste census before implementing reservations. "The NDA is in power in 21 states, but how many of them have women CMs? Those who have not given space to women in their own organisation, how will they give them respect," he asked.

Responding to the demand for a Muslim quota, Shah said:

"The government has already taken the decision to conduct a caste census. They say there is no caste column. Right now, houses are being counted. Houses don't have caste. If the SP has its way, even houses will have caste. When citizens are counted, the caste column will be there. This is my ministry. I want to assure the House that the census will include caste."

He categorically ruled out religion-based reservations and said, "This government will not give reservations to women on the basis of religion. It is against the Constitution, and the question of such reservation does not arise."

QUIET ARCHITECT OF WOMEN'S QUOTA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS India turns its attention to the question of women's representation, it is imperative to recall the diminutive yet powerful figure who first made the demand politically inescapable: CPI MP Geeta Mukherjee, fondly called 'Geetadi'.

At a moment when the idea is finally moving from legislative promise towards implementation, remembering her is not merely an act of tribute—it is essential to understanding the long and unfinished history of the demand. She belonged to a political tradition in which ideas were shaped beyond immediate electoral arithmetic. Long before women's reservation entered mainstream political discourse, she recognised that the marginal presence of women in legislatures was not incidental but embedded in patriarchy.

Her intervention came in 1966, when she chaired the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Women's Reservation Bill. The proposal for 33% reservation in Parliament and state assemblies was, at the time, deeply contentious. It was dismissed as impractical, disruptive, or tokenistic by almost all parties. Yet Mukherjee persisted with quiet determination and intellectual rigour. She engaged extensively with women's organisations across the country and worked to build consensus.

A four-time MLA from Panskura Purbha (1967–77) and a seven-time MP from Panskura (1980–2000), she was a central figure in the CPI and a leading force within the National Federation of Indian Women. Her influence extended well beyond office. She moved seamlessly between parliamentary debate and grassroots mobilisation. Her legacy lies in forcing politics to confront structural exclusion.



A proud and historic step! This Bill ensures 33% reservation for women, something long awaited. I urge all parties to support it wholeheartedly & not spread confusion on delimitation.

—Kiren Rijiju, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs

The strength of some states is being reduced and democracy is being undermined in order to build a structure of power for his party ahead of the next elections

—Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress

Whenever something good happens, Opposition leaders make complaints. The country is realising what their intentions. It is coming to the light

—Kangana Ranaut, BJP MP

BJP has made 'nari' into a 'nara'... How many BJP MLAs or MPs are women? We are for women's reservation, but we are against the BJP's trickery.

—Akhilesh Yadav, SP president

Bills to tweak the women's quota law and set up a delimitation panel are anti-constitutional. A constitutional amendment Bill cannot be discussed together with other ordinary Bills.

—KC Venugopal, Congress leader

I oppose the introduction of the constitutional amendment Bill because it violates parliamentary form of democracy and federalism. This is not about women's reservation.

—Asaduddin Owaisi, AIMIM chief

According to the women's reservation Bill, the strength of the Lok Sabha will be increased to 815, of which the women's quota will be of 272 seats. Neither men nor any state will suffer any loss after the implementation of women's quota.

—Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Law Minister

The Bills are anti-women and anti-Constitution. What they (the govt) did through delimitation in Jammu and Kashmir and in Assam, the want to do in the whole country in the name of women's reservation.

—Gaurav Gogoi, Cong Deputy leader

UTTAR PRADESH
A 71-year-old woman allegedly died after a wrong surgical procedure at the trauma centre of BHU, with her family claiming that thigh surgery was performed instead of the required spinal tumour operation.

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FOR FIRING AT SECURITY PERSONNEL IN MANIPUR



INDIA	Max	Min	Mumbai	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	24	20	38	25
Bhopal	36	20	20	32	26
Jaipur	33	22	22	37	29
Amritsar	32	26	26	38	29
Chennai	38	29	29	38	24
Kolkata	33	24	24	32	20
Srinagar	29	13	13	37	29

Historical, demographic & existential complexities among people living in villages • Offences include assault, murder, kidnap, rape, among others

Anxiety, identity and poll transformation in Bengal

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

BEFORE 2011, the Bangladesh-bordering seats of Bengal were defined less by overt polarisation and more by durable, deeply embedded political alignments. The Left Front exercised a near-hegemonic hold across much of South Bengal, anchored in disciplined cadre networks and the enduring legacy of land reforms. This dominance was not only electoral—it was structural, imbricated within rural society itself.

Figures like Narayan Mukherjee in Basirhat exemplified this continuity, securing repeated victories through organisational depth rather than rhetorical flourish. Yet this apparent solidity masked regional variations. In Muslim-majority seats of Murshidabad, Malda and Uttar Dinajpur, the Congress retained a resilient presence, drawing upon localised networks and community linkages.

Structure of Border Anxieties

Border constituencies are animated by a complex, often overlapping litany of anxieties—historical, demographic, and existential. Foremost is the anxiety around citizenship and belonging, particularly among Matua refugees—Hindu migrants from Bangladesh. Many remain in a state of legal ambiguity, with their claims to citizenship often putative rather than fully secured. This produces an ineluctable sense of precarity that resurfaces with every electoral cycle.

Closely linked is the “bohira-gato” (outsider) anxiety, though



it manifests asymmetrically. Among sections of Hindu voters, it is construed as a fear of cross-border migration—frequently framed, and sometimes obfuscated, as “infiltration.” For Muslim communities, however, the same discourse is disquieting, as it risks impugning their legitimacy despite generations of residence.

Demographic anxiety further compounds this. In mixed constituencies like Bongaon and Basirhat, perceptions—often exaggerated or misconstrued—of shifting population balances acquire significant political traction. Reports of Rohingya presence or sporadic migration flows are frequently conflated into a broader narrative of existential threat.

Equally significant is minority anxiety in Murshidabad and Malda, where fears of disenfranchisement through NRC-like processes persist. Here, the apprehension is of insiders being rendered alien.

Finally, there is the enduring tension between welfare and identity—a contradiction that structures voter behaviour. Material benefits may be tangible, but identity-based insecurities

often prove more politically incendiary.

How BJP, TMC Have Stoked & Addressed These Anxieties

In the post-2016 period, both the BJP and the Trinamool Congress have not merely responded to these anxieties—they have, at times, actively stoked them before attempting to resolve or redirect them.

The BJP’s strategy is strikingly calibrated. In Matua-dominated constituencies, it foregrounds the Citizenship Amendment Act and presents itself as the sole guarantor of legal recognition. This is not incidental—it directly appeals to voters by addressing their most visceral insecurity: belonging.

The TMC’s response is more defensive, but no less strategic. It counters the BJP’s citizenship narrative by arguing that NRC would harm the very communities they claim to protect. Among Matuas, it emphasises welfare delivery and cultural recognition. Among Muslims, the TMC positions itself as a bulwark against exclusion.

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

LEADING political parties – TMC, BJP, CPI-M and Congress in Bengal – have fielded 26 to 70% of their candidates with criminal cases in the upcoming elections to 294 assembly seats, allegedly in violation of a Supreme Court directive.

West Bengal Election Watch, a state chapter of the National Election Watch supported by the Association for Democratic Rights (ADR), revealed this six days before the first phase elections scheduled on 23 April.

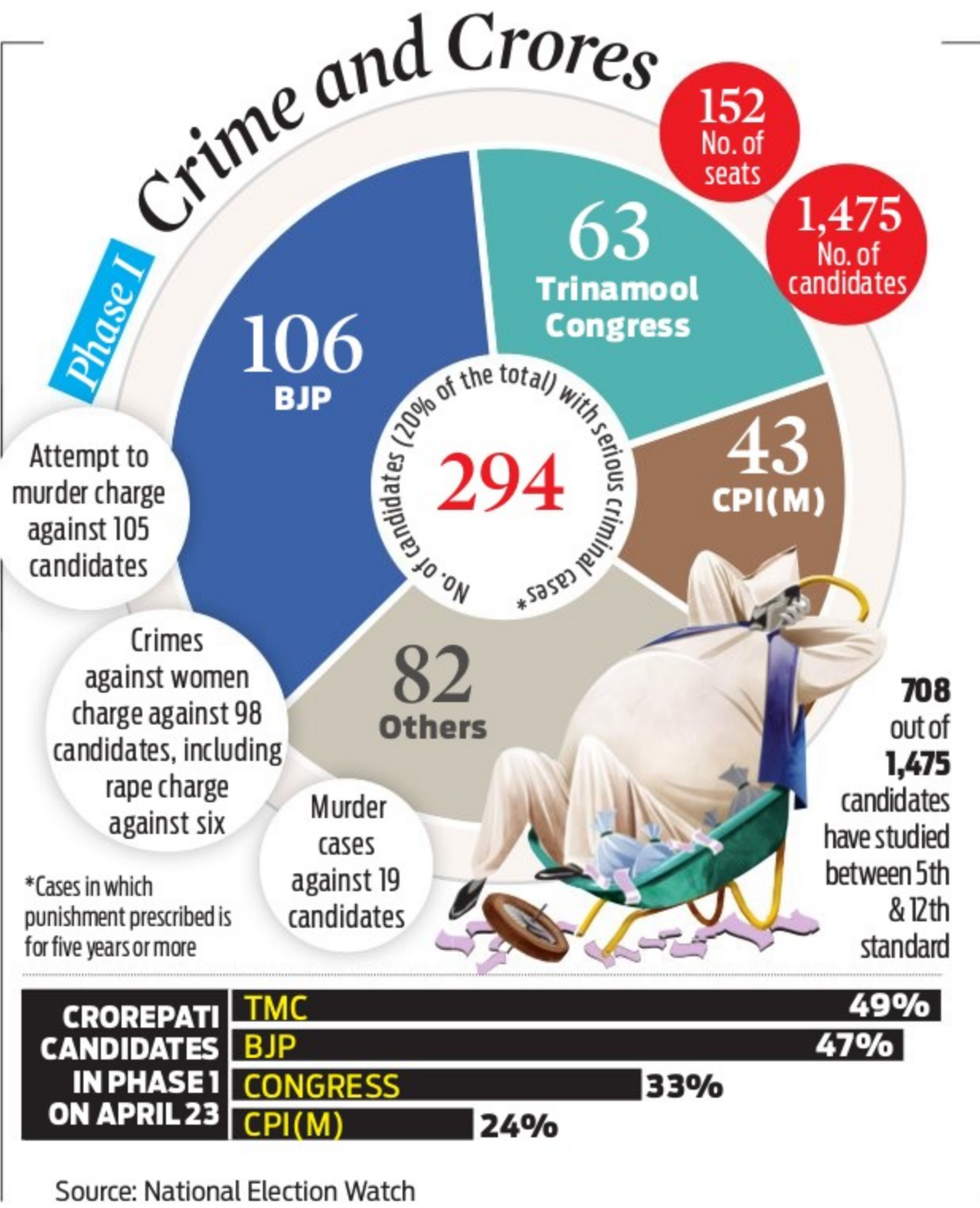
Ujjaini Halim, state coordinator of West Bengal Election Watch, said, “All major parties contesting assembly elections in Phase I have given tickets from 26% to 70% candidates who have declared criminal cases against themselves.”

The finding reveals that 294 (20%) out of 1475 contestants in the first phase polls have serious criminal cases, offences punishable by five years or more. One thousand four hundred and seventy-eight candi-

dates are in the fray in 152 seats. Analysis of the three candidates’ affidavits could not be conducted because they were not uploaded to the national poll

body’s website. Offences include loss to the exchequer, assault, murder, kidnap, rape, the Prevention of Corruption Act, and crimes against women and children. Many offences are non-bailable.

Murder cases under BNS Section 302 have been declared by 19 candidates. One hundred and



Source: National Election Watch

five contestants are facing attempted murder cases. Crimes against women have been declared against 98 candidates, including six related to rape.

According to the findings, 106 (43%) of 152 BJP candidates have criminal antecedents, while 63 (43%) of 148 TMC nominees have criminal antecedents. For CPI-M, 43 of its 98 candidates (44%) have criminal backgrounds. And 39 (26%) of 151 Congress candidates have declared criminal cases. The role of money power is also evident as all major parties have

given tickets to wealthy candidates, Halim said.

Seventy-two TMC candidates are crorepatis, while the figures are 47%, 33% and 24% for BJP, Congress and CPI (M), respectively. The finding also shows 708 out of 1475 candidates have educational qualifications between 5th and 12th standard.

West Bengal Election Watch has urged the ECI to permanently disqualify candidates convicted in heinous crimes like murder, rape, smuggling, dacoity, and kidnapping.

Cong suspends 5 Haryana MLAs who cross-voted in Rajya Sabha elections

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CONGRESS has suspended five of its Haryana MLAs from the primary membership of the party with immediate effect. They had allegedly cross-voted in the March 16 Rajya Sabha election in favour of BJP-backed independent candidate Satish Nandal.

The MLAs are Shalley Chaudhary, Renu Bala, Jarnail Singh, Mohammad Ilyas, and Mohammad Israil.

The action follows the recommendation of the disciplinary committee and its approval given by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. Sources said that the disciplinary committee headed by former MP Dharampal Malik, had recommended suspension after examining the responses of MLAs to the show-cause notices issued to them. The com-

mittee remarked that these MLAs should be asked to resign from the party.

While Chaudhary, Bala, and Singh had submitted their replies to the notices, Israil and Ilyas did not respond. Chaudhary and Bala claimed that they had voted for the official candidate and were being implicated. Singh also denied the allegation of cross-voting. All three MLAs said that they had shown their ballots to the LoP and former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who had been authorised by the party to verify the votes, sources said.

Terming it a case of “serious indiscipline”, Haryana Congress president Rao Narender Singh said that these MLAs had been suspended for anti-party activities, as they voted against the party’s official candidate Karamvir Singh Boudh.



Eidgah, Imambara ‘built on govt land’ bulldozed in UP’s Sambhal

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AUTHORITIES used bulldozers to raze an Eidgah and an Imambara in the Sambhal area of Uttar Pradesh on Thursday morning. The action took place amid heavy police deployment. Police sources said personnel from five police stations and one company of Provincial Armed Constabulary were deployed at the site.

The incident took place in Bicholi village under the Kotwali Sambhal police station area. A large number of villagers gathered at the demolition spot, but officials removed them for the fear of possible protest. According to the administration, the Eidgah was built over about seven bighas of grazing land, while the Imambara had been constructed on land meant for a manure pit.

Following complaints of encroachment from villagers,



area lekhpal Sparsh Gupta, whose job is to maintain land and revenue records, filed an appeal in the tehsildar’s court on January 18.

On January 31, a notice was published in newspapers as per the court orders, asking any occupants of the land to come forward and explain the possessions. However, no one responded to the notice.

On Thursday morning at around 7:30 am, sub-divisional magistrate Nidhi Patel and naib tehsildar Deepak Kumar Jurail reached the site with a

team of officials. Patel said the plots were classified as public utility lands in government records. When her team reached the spot, it found that some people were trying to demolish the Imambara building using chisels and hammers. The administration removed them from the site before proceeding with official action.

Around 12 noon, district magistrate Rajendra Pensiya and SP Krishna Kumar Vishnoi also reached the site. They reviewed the report on the demolition of the structures from police and administrative teams and issued necessary instructions.

Meanwhile, reacting to the district administrations’ action, Zubaida, a local villager, said that the demolition should be stopped. She stated that the Imambara and Eidgah were used by everyone in the area, and wedding parties of poor families used to stay there.

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NASHIK police have intensified the probe into the alleged sexual harassment and forced conversion in a BPO facility of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), seeking assistance from the Intelligence Bureau (IB), National Investigative Agency (NIA) and the Maharashtra’s Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS). The police urged agencies to probe a possible link of an international extremist group in funding the alleged conversion racket at the facility.

“We have made official correspondence with IB, NIA and ATS for a multi-angle probe into the Nasik TCS case. The probe agencies have been urged to check whether there was funding by any overseas extremist and terrorist group,” Nasik Superintendent of Police (SP) Sandeep Karnik said on Thursday. “As and when we get some evidence, we will be able to come to a conclusion about the same,” he added.

Earlier this week, the police formed a special investigation



Grave threat to constitutional values, says plea in SC

A plea was filed in the SC on Thursday in the aftermath of allegations of religious conversion at an MNC in Nashik. Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay seeks directions declaring what it terms “deceitful religious conversion” as a grave threat to constitutional values, urging the state to treat it as organised crime, terrorism, and “indirect waging war”.

team (SIT) to probe the complaints lodged by eight female employees, who claimed that senior colleagues mentally and sexually harassed them, while the human resources department ignored their complaints. Karnik said nine cases registered by the police include a complaint lodged by a male employee of the firm, alleging an attempt at religious conversion

and religious harassment at the workplace.

The SP said that in their covert operation, they engaged policemen for housing keeping jobs. The undercover policewomen gave emotional support to the women employees who were exploited by their seniors. “Our women cops provided counselling and encouraged the victims to come out and file

Mother poisons 2 daughters, then kills self in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A 35-year-old woman allegedly poisoned her two young daughters before ending her own life in Gujarat’s Surat city following repeated household disputes, police said on Thursday.

Jaysukh Patel, a diamond factory worker, had left for work on Wednesday. Soon after, his wife Mital allegedly mixed pesticide used for grains into water, and made her two daughters, aged 6 and 5, consume it. Moments later, police said, she consumed the poison herself and called her husband.

“I don’t want to live... I have consumed poison,” she reportedly told him over the phone. Jaysukh alerted his cousin Harish, and they rushed home. Harish said.

All three were rushed to SMIMER Hospital. Despite medical efforts, Mital succumbed late on Thursday.

Kargil Democratic Alliance hardens stand on 6th Schedule and statehood

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AMID the deadlock in talks between the Centre and Ladakh leaders, the Kargil Democratic Alliance is firm on its core demands of 6th Schedule and statehood for the cold desert. KDA, however, said if the Centre comes out with a new proposal other than territorial- or council-based framework, it is ready for discussion.

“There won’t be any compromise either from KDA or Leh Apex Body on the core demands of statehood and 6th Schedule for Ladakh,” KDA co-chairman Asgar Ali Karbalai said on Thursday. “We won’t give up these two major demands as they represent constitutional rights and aspirations of people of the region,” he added.

In the last round of talks between Ladakh leaders and the Centre on February 4, the MHA objected to demands for state-



hood and 6th Schedule status citing concerns about financial viability and proposed creation of a Territorial Council for Ladakh with Chief Executive Councillor of the council functioning as chief minister of the Union Territory.

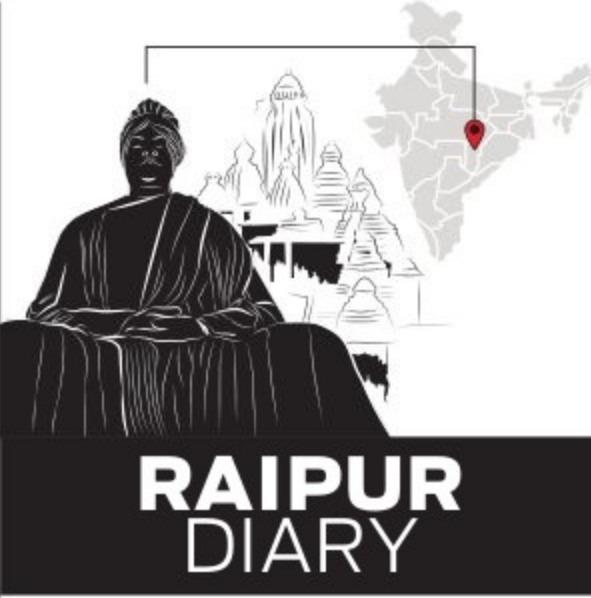
“In the February 4 meeting, KDA and LAB leaders rejected the council proposal,” Karbalai said. “If the MHA comes out with any new proposal – other than territorial, regional, or any council-based framework – we are ready to discuss it with

MHA earlier objected to demands citing finances

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an open mind.” Another KDA leader, Sajjad Kargili, said the Centre is showing reluctance in accepting their core demands of statehood and 6th Schedule for Ladakh. “We won’t accept anything in the shape of councils or in the form of modification of councils,” Kargili said.

Calling for resumption of the dialogue process, he said the Union Government had earlier assured them that another round of dialogue within 15 days but talks are stalled since February 4.



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Self-enumeration option available for Census '27

The first phase of the 2027 Census of India, focusing on house listing and housing census, will be conducted across Chhattisgarh next month from May 1 to May 30. This 30-day operation will gather comprehensive data on every residential and non-residential building, assessing its condition, usage, and available amenities. Under the Digital India initiative, the government is introducing a self-enumeration option for the first time to enhance public convenience. Families opting for self-enumeration will receive a unique ID. Enumerators will collect data on various parameters such as documentation of access to essential services among others.



Efficiency and safety with AI-based humanoid

ALAIISA (Aluminium AI Support Agent), a first-of-its-kind AI-powered humanoid assistant designed to enhance shop-floor capability, operational efficiency, and industrial safety in aluminium manufacturing, has been deployed at Korba-based Bharat Aluminium Company Limited. The introduction of ALAIISA aims to leverage artificial intelligence (AI) and digital solutions to strengthen operational excellence and workforce capability. The system integrates conversational AI with the aluminium plant-specific operational intelligence to deliver contextual, real-time guidance on standard operating procedures (SOPs) at Balco.

Digital processes ensure transparency in RTE

This year, a total of 14,403 children were selected for admission to private schools under the Right to Education (RTE) Act through an online lottery process. The undertaken digital process from application to document verification and final selection symbolises transparency and equal opportunity, government said. Out of a total of 38,439 applications received from across the state, 27,203 applications were found eligible as per the prescribed criteria. Among these, 14,403 children have been granted admission to private schools through the online lottery system. Presently, over 3.63 lakh students in the state are benefiting from this scheme.

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower/s, Co-Borrower/s and Mortgagees have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequently default committed by you, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagees as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Venkateshappa, S/o. Kadirappa, 2) Mrs. Munirathamma, W/o. Venkateshappa, 3) Mr. Naveen Kumar, S/o. Venkateshappa	Loan Account No. 46459630002087 46459410001723 Loan Amount: Rs.2,60,000/- Rs.78,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No.32/1, situated at CT Gollahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limitsof Shivanapura Village Panchayath and Bounded by the: East by: Road & House of Munidasappa, West by: Horse of Muniyappa, North by: House of Munirajappa, South by: House of Narasimhaih. Measuring East to West: 31 feet and North to South: 20 feet.	Date of NPA: 03-04-2026 Demand Notice Date: 15.04.2026	Rs.2,13,461.12 (Rupees Two Lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty One and Twelve Paise Only) due as on 13-04-2026 and interest there on

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagee as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Mortgagees of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 16.04.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural

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DATE: 16.04.2026

SALE NOTICE

(Auction Sale Notice for Immovable properties)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse" on 07.05.2026 for recovery of **Rs.195,21,69,911.62(Rupees One Hundred Ninety Five Crore Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven and Paise Sixty TwoOnly)**as on 31.03.2026 plus further interest from 01.04.2026due to the Secured Creditor .

1. Name and Address of the Secured Creditor : Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Panaji Goa
2. Name and Address of the Borrower: **M/s Prasanna V Ghotage**, Rep by Proprietor Mr Prasanna V Ghotage 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, Ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011 **Also at: Mr Prasanna V Ghotage** Proprietor of M/s Prasanna V Ghotage, 202, Chidambar Nagar, Tilakwadi, Belgaum, Karnataka – 590 006 **Also at- a) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd** No.311, Morya Estate, 3rd Floor, Anderhi Link Road, Anderhi (West), Mumbai -400 053 **Also at- b) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd**, 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011 **Also at- c) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd** , 33, 1st Floor, Crescent Road, High, Gorunds, Bangalore-560 001 **Also at- d) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd**, Purushottam Nilaya, behind Azad Mill, Mahaveer Nagar, 3rd Cross, Chitradurga – 577 501 **Also at- e) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd** Nizmar Center, Ground Floor, Opp Wisdom Book Depot, Panaji, Goa-403 001. **M/s Vilasini V Ghotage**, 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, Ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011 **Also at Mrs Vilasini V Ghotage** 202, Chidambar Nagar, Tilakwadi, Belgaum, Karnataka – 590 006 **Mr H K Mariyappa S/o Kunjappa**, No.33 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114 **Mr H K Muninrajappa S/o Kunjappa**, No.33 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114 **Mr H K Rajanna S/o Kunjappa**, No.40 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114 **Mrs Amrutha M Subramani W/o Late H K Subramani** No.431 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114

3 **Total liabilities as on 31.03.2026 : 1. M/s Prasanna V Ghotage -Rs. 65,92,33,222.77 (Rupees Sixty FiveCrore Ninety TwoLakh Thirty ThreeThousand Two Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Seventy SevenOnly) 2. M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd -Rs.129,29,36,688.85(Rupees One Hundred Twenty Nine Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty SixThousand Six Hundred Eighty Eightand Paise Eighty Five Only) Thus total liabilities Rs.195,21,69,911.62(Rupees One Hundred Ninety Five Crore Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven and Paise Sixty Two Only)**

4 **e) Mode of Auction:** E-Auction f)Details of Auction service provider : BAANKNEThttps://baanknet.com/. Biddersareadvisedtogetthrough the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings g)Date & Time of Auction : 07.05.2026, 11:00 A.M to 12:00 NOON h) Place of Auction: Online (https://baanknet.com)

5 **Details of Properties:** All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas along with building constructed thereon bearing Khatha No.205/108 formed in converted Sy.No.108 situated in Dandupalya Village, KasabaHobli, Hoskote Taluka, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka in the name of Mr. H K Mariyappa & others bounded by- **North** : Old Madras Road **South** : Private Property **East** : Private Property **West** : Private Property * RFA No: 2101/2022 pending before high court Bangalore. "Since property is in symbolic possession demarcation of property yet to be ascertained. "NA Order not available on record, "E-swattu of the property not available. "Auction shall be subject to result of appeal as per HC Bengaluru order in RFA No: 2101/2022.Next hearing date 21.04.2026.

6 **Reserve Price Rs.13,96,17,000 /- (Rupees Thirteen Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Seventeen ThousandOnly)**
7 **Earnest Money Deposit Rs.1,39,61,700/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty NineLakhs Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Only)**
8 **Property Inspection With prior permission from Authorised Officer**

9. **Other terms and conditions:** a.Before bidding the prospective buyer will have to execute bidder declaration on affidavit regarding awareness to bear consequences of litigation pending in respect of the property. Any bid without such bidder indemnity cum declaration will be immediately rejected.
b. The properties/ies will be sold in "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse" condition, including encumbrances if any. (There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank. For details of encumbrance, contact the undersigned before deposit of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) referred to in (f) below). **c.** The property/ies will be sold above the Reserve Price. **d.** The property can be inspected with prior permission from Authorised Officer. **e.** Prospective bidders are advised to visit website https://baanknet.com/ and register yourself on the e-auction platform and further ensure having valid KYC documents like PAN Card & Aadhaar and Aadhaar linked with latest Mobile number and also register with Digi locker mandatorily. For bidding in the above e-auction from Baanknet.comportal you may contact the helpdesk support of Baanknet>Contactdetails 7046612345/ 8291220220/9892219848/8160205051, Email:support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.**f.** Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of auction without assigning any reason thereof. **g.** For further details ARM Branch Panaji branch may be contacted during office hours on any working day, contact **No. M: +91 77220 39869/7353372266/9730515988** e-mail id **cb5103@canarabank.com** OR the service provider (Baanknet). Contact details (Baanknet)- 7046612345/ 8291220220/9892219848/8160205051 Email id: website https://baanknet.com/.
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Place:Panaji Date:16.04.2026

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Notice of Sale Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules-2002, framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002

Public-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is Where is**", "**As is What is**", and "**Whatever there is**" basis, on being mentioned date for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and last date of deposit of EMD etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the borrower / Co-borrower	Amount due excluding subsequent interest as on date plus cost and expenses	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit	Details of the A/c where EMD to be deposited	Secured Properties and Boundaries	Date, Time & Place of Public Auction	Last Date & Time of submitting EMD
1.	Sri A. Venugopal S/o Late Arumugam No.16, 5 th Cross, Near Santhosh Gym, Shivanandanagara, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru-560072. Guarantor(s) 1. Smt. Kuppamma W/o Late Arumugam No.16, 5 th Cross, Near Santhosh Gym, Shivanandanagara, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru-560072. 2. Smt. A. Geetha W/o K.S. Mohan No.78/3, 4 th Cross, Sirirampura, Bengaluru-560 021. 3. Smt. A. Manjula W/o Prabhakar P. No.16, 5 th Cross, Near Santhosh Gym, Shivanandanagara, Moodalapalya, Bengaluru-560072. 4. Sri.B.S Manjunath S/o Siddaiah B. No.486/A, 1 st Main Road, New Binny Layout, Bengaluru-560023.	Rs.49,54,197/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) as on 10.04.2026 and future interest and other charges from 11.04.2026	Rs.68,40,000/- EMD Rs.6,84,000/-	A/c Name: Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No.: 89390200000832 Bank Name: Bank of Baroda Branch: Malleswaram Bangalore IFSC CODE: BARBOVJMAWA	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No.16 registered in PID No.35-16-16, Old Western portion of No.16 in Assessment No.44 of Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently situated at 5 th Cross, Shivananda nagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.126 (Old Ward No.35), Bengaluru, Measuring: East to West 30'-0"0"Fs and North to South 30'-0"0"Fs, having a total extent of 900 square feet and Bounded on the: East by: Eastern portion Property No.6, West by: Road, North by: Property No.5, South by: Property No.7.	08.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM	07.05.2026 Time: 04.00 PM
2.	Sri D. Nagaraj S/o Devegowda No.2, 1 st D-Cross, LIC Colony, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022. Guarantor(s) 1. Smt. V. Prema W/o D. Nagaraj, No.2, 1 st D-Cross, LIC Colony, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022. 2. Sri Sagar N, S/o D. Nagaraj No.2, 1 st D-Cross, LIC Colony, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022 3. Sri Yogesh N. S/o D. Nagaraj No.2, 1 st D-Cross, LIC Colony, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022.	Rs.42,25,746/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Six Only) as on 09.04.2026 and future interest and other charges from 10.04.2026	Rs.68,00,000/- EMD Rs.6,80,000/-	A/c Name: Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No.: 89390200000832 Bank Name: Bank of Baroda Branch: Malleswaram Bangalore IFSC CODE: BARBOVJMAWA	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.2/A in PID No.3-134-2A, Eastern portion of Old No.45 in Survey No.120/3 of Yeshwanthapura Village, presently situatd at 1 st D-Cross, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Mohankumar Nagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.3, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 22'-0"0"Fs and North to South 28'-0"0"Fs having a total extent of 616 square feets and Bounded on the: East by: Property No.44, West by: Western portion of Property No.45, North by: Road, South by: Property No.42.	22.05.2026 from 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM	21.05.2026 Time: 04.00 PM

Statutory 15 days for 1st property and Statutory 30 days for 2nd property and sale notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI act, 2002: The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Public-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold for recovery of above said amounts and under Section 13(7) of the SARFAESI Act amended as on date and if repayment is made as above the property not put-up for sale.
TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1) To participate in the Auction, intending bidders have to deposit 10% of the reserve price as mentioned above as refundable EMD in the form of PO/ID/ Banker's Cheque/RTGS of a Scheduled Bank favouring as shown above, before the time and dates specified above. EMD will not carry any interest. 2) The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) immediately on the same day by NEFT/RTGS favouring in the above mentioned A/c No, and balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days thereafter of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the concerned Authorized Officer. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of Sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount or to the property, which shall be sold subsequently. **For more queries contact: Krishna, Ph. No. 9880453464.**

Date: 17.04.2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer

Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore

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दिनांक: 16/04/2026

E- Tender Date Extension Notice No-04

Due to unavoidable reasons the dates of e-tender no 01/DGM (CD-II)/ICB/Lakhwar/2025-26 for "Optimization of the present shear zone treatment methodology and its improvisation" for the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project (MPP) Uttarakhand are hereby extended as follows:-
Last Date for submission of bid document on website: 07.05.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Last Date for submission of documents in Hard copy: 11.05.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable secured assets under rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on " As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis " on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Appllicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Murugesh S/o Venkateshappa, (2) Mrs. Shobha HV W/o Mr. Murugesh, Both are residing at: Flat No.A-303, 3rd Floor, Tower 6, Janaadhar Subha Apartments Medihalli, Mayasandra, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107.
Amount due: Rs.19,30,888/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Only) as on 31.03.2026 Plus interest plus costs and Expenses.
Description of Immoveable Property: SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property in converted Sy Nos. 39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 an extent of 11 acres 18 guntas including Kharab Land, situated at M.Medahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru and bounded on the : East by: Land in Sy No 43, West by: Road, North by: Mayasandra Gadi, South by: Land in Sy No 41.
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : The Undivided Share, right, title, interest and claim in the Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above works out to 195 Sq Ft.
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : Apartment No A-303, Third Floor of Tower 6, Katha No 611, Assessment No.T-6-TF-A-303, Apartment known as 'JANAADHAR SHUBHA' constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 400 Sq Ft of super built-up area constructed by RCC roofed building, walls constructed by cement and bricks, preparation of doors made by Sal Wood and Aluminium windows, with Mosaic flooring with all civic amenities Presently ID no 150200101700620314 of Panchayat No 611/T-6-TF-A-303 situated at M Medahalli Mayasandra Grama Panchayat, Anekal Block, Bangalore District and bounded on the: East by: Open Space and Corridor, West by: A-310, North by: A-304, South by: Open Space.
Reserve Price : Rs.10,20,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs.1,02,000/- [Rupees One Lakh Two Thousand Only] as 10% of Reserve Price

2) Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Appllicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Chandrappa N S/o Narayanappa, (2) Mrs. Sumalatha M W/o Mr. Chandrappa, Both are residing at: Flat No.B-301, 3rd Floor, Tower 7, Janaadhar Subha Apartments Medihalli, Mayasandra, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107.
Amount due: Rs.2,66,670/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only) as on 31.03.2026 Plus interest plus costs and Expenses.
Description of Immoveable Property : SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres 18 guntas including Kharab Land in Survey Nos. 39/1,39/2,40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the : East by: Land in Sy No 43, West by: Road,North by: Mayasandra Gadi, South by: Land in Sy No 41.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	Mrs. Somaly Saha Wife Of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [Since Deceased], Mrs. Rakhi Roy Mother of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased], Mr. Subal Chandra Roy Father of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased]and Other Known and unknown legal heir(s) of Mr. Roy Swarnava (Borrower) [since deceased]	Loan A/c Nos. 672685638 Amount Rs.71,65,128/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) as on 31.12.2025	13.01.2026	16.04.2026 Physical	Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of residentially converted immovable property being southern portion of Survey No. 19 (measuring 8 Acres 21.5 Guntas), Survey No. 87 (measuring in all about 3 Acres 20 Guntas) and Survey No. 88 (measuring 8 Acres) in all physically measuring 19 Acres 19.03 Guntas (including 12,796.7 sq. meters of land surrendered in favour of the Bangalore Development Authority towards Park and Open Spaces, CDP Road and Road Widening and certain portion of land reserved for installation of electrical sub-station, Civic amenities and Future Development) having BEMP Khatha No. 11 situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. The Land considered for development of First Phase of Residential Complex is excluding the area reserved for Future Development and also excluding areas relinquished/ reserved for parks and open spaces, civic amenities and sub-station is 44508.9 Sq. Meter (479093.79 Sq. Feet) and: East by : Land bearing Sy. No. 18/4 and 20; West by : Land bearing Sy. Nos. 16, 86, 12 and 21; North by : Kyalasanahalli - Jakkur Flying Club road & Sy. No. 86 & 12; South by : Land bearing Sy. No. 18/4, 24, 20 & 21. Schedule B: A Two Bedroom apartment bearing No. PB-WJ-1804, on the Eighteenth Floor, in the PB-WJ Block/Wing of the residential project known as " PURVA PALM BEACH " constructed in the Schedule A Property, having a carpet area of 77.47 square meter, cumulative area of balconies and utility spaces measuring 9.22 square meter or a plinth/built-up area of 93.92 square meter, and proportionate common area of 20.53 square meter corresponding to a total super built-up area of 114.46 square meter along with one covered tandem car parking space . The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply. Schedule C: Proportionate undivided share of 37.6201 square meter in the general and/or restricted common areas including the project land and facilities of the Residential Complex.
2	Mr A Kishor Babu (Borrower)	Loan A/c Nos. 1) 638104976 - Rs.2,56,975/- 2) 636749138 - Rs.27,59,389/- Total Amount ; Rs.30,16,364/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Four Only) as on 31.10.2025	13.11.2025	16.04.2026 Symbolic	Plot 39, House 39, Site No.39, Katha Property No.301/3, Kadugodi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560067.

"with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immoveable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immoveable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC. Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s. Copies of the Panchnama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 17.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer

HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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Wipro board approves ₹15k cr share buyback

Promoters and promoter group hold 72.63% stake in the company

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

IT major Wipro on Thursday said its board has approved its largest-ever share buyback worth ₹15,000 crore through a tender offer, which it expects to complete in the first quarter of the current financial year.

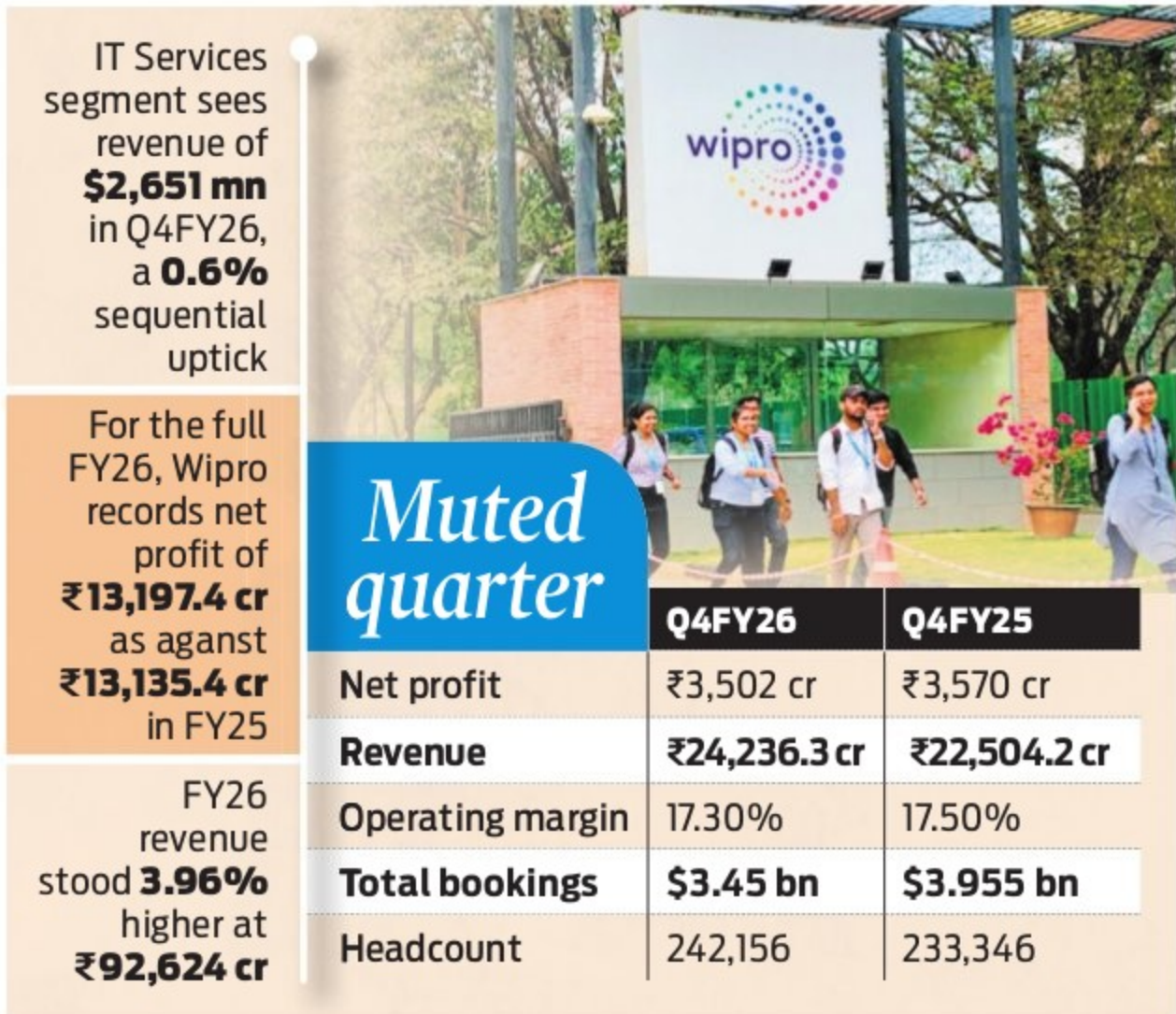
The company's board approved a buyback proposal worth ₹15,000 crore at a price of ₹250 per share, subject to shareholder approval. The company said it plans to buy back up to 60 crore equity shares, representing 5.7% of its total paid-up equity share capital. The offer price is at a 19% premium to the closing price of Wipro shares on April 16.

Wipro's promoter group intends to participate in the ₹15,000 crore share buyback, said its CFO Aparna Iyer during the Q4 earnings call. As of December 31, 2025, promoters and the promoter group of the company held 72.63% stake in the company, exchange data showed.

The IT services major also cut down the guidance for Q1 FY27 to negative 2-0% in constant currency terms. For the March quarter, the company had guided 0-2% sequential growth.

"We were expecting a ramp-up for a large deal that we have won, and it's taking time," Srinu Pallia, CEO and Managing Director, told during the Q4 press conference, adding that the softness was linked to "a very specific client issue" impacting both Q4 and Q1.

Wipro reported a sequential rise in net profit in the quarter ended March, supported by steady revenue growth and strong deal bookings.



The company posted a consolidated net profit of ₹3,502 crore in Q4 FY26, up 12.3% quarter-on-quarter, but down 2% year-on-year.

Revenue from the IT services business came in at ₹24,236.3 crore during the quarter, rising 3% sequentially. The operating margin for the quarter stood at 17.3%, down 30 basis points sequentially and 20 basis points from a year ago.

In the March quarter, total bookings stood at \$3.45 billion, down 14% year-on-year in constant currency terms. Large deal bookings came in at \$1.44 billion, marking a decline of 18.5% on year.

For the full year, total bookings rose 14% to \$16.4 billion, while large deal bookings increased 45.4% to \$7.8 billion.

"Advancements in AI are reshaping client priorities and creating new opportunities for

us to partner more deeply to deliver value-driven outcomes. To strengthen our position in an AI-first world, we are pivoting to a services-as-a-software model through the AI Native Business & Platforms unit. Our strategic deal with the Olam Group further reflects the decisive investments we are making to capture opportunities at scale," said Srinu Pallia, CEO and Managing Director.

For the full financial year FY26, Wipro reported consolidated revenue of ₹92,624 crore, up 4% YoY. Net profit for the year stood at ₹13,197 crore, an increase of 0.5% YoY.

Headcount rose by 135 in the March quarter to 242,156 employees, while voluntary attrition over the trailing 12 months improved to 13.8%, compared with 14.2% in the previous quarter. The company said it hired 7,500 freshers in FY26.

EXPRESS READ

CCI junks anti-competition case against Adani group

NEW DELHI: Fair trade regulator CCI on Thursday rejected a complaint alleging anti-competitive practices by Adani Group entities, Azure Power, and others in a solar power tender floated by the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). *ENS*

Google blocks over 483 mn bad ads in India

NEW DELHI: Tech giant Google blocked 483.7 million policy-violating advertisements and suspended 1.7 million advertiser accounts in India in 2025. Globally, Google removed over 8.3 billion bad ads, according to Google's '2025 Ads Safety Report' released on Thursday. *ENS*

SC rejects Anil Ambani's plea against 'fraud' tag

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed industrialist Anil Ambani's three separate pleas, challenging the Bombay High Court order that allowed the proceedings, initiated by banks against him and Reliance Communications Ltd to classify their bank accounts as fraud, to continue.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi permitted Ambani to pursue his plea before the high court's single judge bench against the banks' show cause notices to declare the accounts as fraud.

"Hard-earned public money to the tune of thousands of crores has been siphoned. Did you make good losses to banks and financial institutions," the bench said. Ambani and the company were represented by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Shyam Divan, who said the order would lead to the "civil death" of their clients.

The apex court said, "We see no ground to interfere with the judgment of the high court (division bench). It is clarified that the observations of the Division Bench shall have no bearing in the pending suit. The (single judge bench) high court is requested to expedite the disposal of the suit (filed by Ambani against the show cause notices issued by banks on move to declare the accounts as fraud)." The bench requested the single judge bench to decide Ambani's plea against the show cause notices issued by three banks.

The SC passed the order while hearing three separate pleas filed by Ambani who had challenged a February 23 order of a division bench of the high court.



BANKING

BANK CREDIT RISES 16% IN FY26, DEPOSITS UP 13%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

BANK credit surged 16.08% year-on-year to ₹213.61 lakh crore in FY26, while deposits grew by 13.47% to reach ₹262.30 lakh crore, marking the fastest growth rates since FY24.

Banking experts said the year-end number may be inflated due to changes in the RBI's reporting dates, but credit momentum has picked up, especially in corporate, MSMEs, and retail segments. The few more days for reporting would have helped banks add at least 1.5-2% more in credit and deposits, according to them.

This is clear from the YoY rise in both key numbers—for the fortnight ending March 31, credit grew just 2.8% or ₹5.92 lakh crore, compared to just 0.1% or ₹18.672 crore in the previous fortnight and the deposits grew 4.87% or ₹12.18 lakh crore during the same fortnight.

Banks are increasingly relying on certificates of deposit to bridge the balance sheet mismatches, with issuances nearing ₹14 lakh crore in FY26.

and featuring a full spectrum of electrified powertrains—from strong hybrids to fully electric vehicles," said Stéphane Deblaise, CEO, Renault India.

The vehicles will be based on two complementary platforms—RGEF and Renault Group Entry Platform (RGEF) as it prepares to roll out vehicles in the sub-₹10 lakh segment.

Under its 'futuREady India' strategy, Renault aims to make India one of its top three global markets by 2030 and is targeting annual revenue of ₹2 billion from exports, R&D, and components over the next five years.

"By 2030, we will offer a seven-model portfolio in India, spanning key segments from compact cars to larger SUVs,

S'pore Airlines CEO meets Tata officials

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AMID mounting losses and operational challenges at Air India, Singapore Airlines CEO Goh Choon Phong met senior Tata Group executives in Bombay House (Tata Group headquarters in Mumbai) on Thursday.

Singapore Airlines holds a 25.1% stake in Air India following the 2022 merger of Air India and Vistara. The rest is with the Tata Group.

The key board meeting took place in the backdrop of Air India's worsening financial woes, marked by a staggering FY26 loss of over ₹22,000 crore, the highest on record. It is being reported that the airline is seeking funds from promoters.

The losses have escalated to record levels due to frequent airspace closures in West Asia and a permanent closure in Pakistan since March last year, rising expenses and the impact of rupee devaluation against the US dollar.

These challenges exacerbate the repercussions from the tragic Ahmedabad (Flight AI 171) crash on June 12, 2025, which resulted in 241 people on

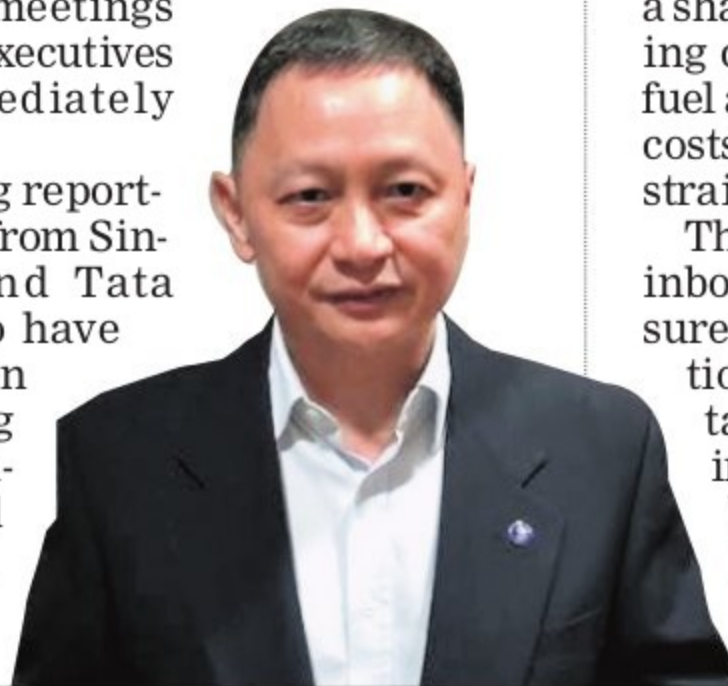
board and 19 people outside losing their lives.

The meeting also took place as Air India is grappling with a leadership vacuum. Air India on April 7 formally announced the resignation of chief executive officer & managing director, Campbell Wilson. Before Wilson's resignation, Air India Express' managing director Alok Singh stepped down from his role at Air India Express in March this year.

Wilson will remain in the role until his successor is announced. He had joined Air India in September 2022 following the privatisation of the airline and his five-year term was scheduled to end in September next year.

Details about the meetings with the Tata Group executives could not be immediately ascertained.

However, it is being reported that stakeholders from Singapore Airlines and Tata Group are likely to have discussed strategies in the meeting, focusing on slashing costs, enhancing services and plotting sustained investments.



Focus on curtailing costs

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Aviation, tourism, restaurant sectors could take a hit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S tourism and hospitality sector, which contributes nearly 8% to GDP and supports over 40 million jobs, is once again facing external shocks due to escalating geopolitical tensions, said PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a report.

It stated that the aviation sector has emerged as the most impacted, with airlines facing flight cancellations, airspace restrictions and significant rerouting of international flights.

These disruptions have increased flying time by 2-4 hours on key routes, leading to a sharp rise in fuel consumption and operating costs. Industry estimates indicate that fuel accounts for 35-40% of airline operating costs and the ongoing situation has further strained airline profitability.

The report highlights a 15-20% decline in inbound tourist traffic, particularly in leisure travel, as global travellers adopt a cautious approach amid geopolitical uncertainty. As per the report, the aviation industry has taken a hit of ₹18,000 crore because of the ongoing challenges. The restaurant and food services sector is also experiencing a mixed impact.

SEZs seek higher duty concessions to compete with FTA partners, China

PUSHPITA DEV @ New Delhi

SPECIAL economic zone (SEZ) units have written to the government seeking higher concessions—or even zero-duty treatment—for supplies to the domestic tariff area (DTA), aligning them with concessional import duties available under free trade agreements (FTAs).

They argued that competing with imports, particularly from China and FTA partner countries, has become challenging.

As per an official, SEZ units have told the government that their primary competition is not domestic manufacturers in the DTA but imports by traders from FTA countries such as ASEAN, as well as low-cost, high-quality Chinese goods. They have sought higher concessions for specific HSN categories where such imports dominate, to enable SEZ units to substitute these goods. SEZ



units have also demanded that goods supplied from SEZs to the DTA be allowed at concessional duty rates equivalent to those applicable on imports from China or FTA partner countries.

Industry representatives earlier flagged that the government's proposed conditional concessional customs duty regime for DTA sales would offer limited or no benefit to most manufacturers. As a one-time measure, the government has allowed SEZ units to undertake DTA sales at concessional cus-

toms duty for FY27, subject to 20% value addition and a 30% export-linked cap. As per estimates by the Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs, 62% of operational SEZ units account for 96.5% of total manufactured goods sold in the DTA. Nearly 93% of these goods fall within top 200 product categories. Sources said most of these units are unlikely to see much benefits under the current framework.

SEZ units have urged the government to disclose the methodology for calculating duty foregone and any equalisation duty applied in arriving at the concessional rates. They have sought duty reversal-based access for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather and footwear, as well as for high-tech segments including defence, space and R&D, particularly for supplies to public sector entities.

ENERGY CRISIS

India increases LNG imports from US, Oman and Nigeria

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA has increased its liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports from the US, Oman, and Nigeria to make up for the shortfall in March. LNG imports from Qatar and the UAE dropped to zero by the end of March 2026 due to the Iran war.

As per Sam Reynolds, research lead at the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, the country's LNG sector is among the most exposed in Asia to the Iran conflict due to its reliance on Qatar and the UAE for 60% of its supply. He stated that even once the conflict is resolved, oil and gas facilities in the Persian Gulf will take several months to resume normal operations, and 17% of Qatar's LNG export capacity will be offline for up to five years. Spot market LNG prices in Asia have doubled since hostilities began and are projected to remain elevated through 2027.

Reynolds noted that the short supply of LNG has not had any major impact on India's power generation as the share of gas in the country's electricity mix has declined to below 1.5%. He added that India has instead turned to coal to mitigate power supply risks, while accelerating the commissioning of new wind and battery storage projects. Reynolds warned that meeting peak electricity demand in the upcoming summer will remain a challenge amid the Iran conflict, though the power sector in India has remained insulated from LNG price shocks.

As per Reynolds, similar to China, India's LNG imports have fluctuated in recent years due to high prices.



(R)Renault Group Global CEO Francois Provost and India CEO Stephane Deblaise | PTI

"Earlier, our R&D facility functioned more like a GCC. Now, we want a team that matches the pace of India. This is a market where there is de-

mand for technology, value for money, and a strong appetite for performance," he said.

Renault is aiming to raise its market share in India to 5%

over the next few years, from below 1%. Globally, it plans to launch 36 vehicles by 2030—22 in Europe and 14 in other markets. In India, four models, including the Duster and the upcoming Bridger, will be built on the RGMP platform.

Earlier, Renault used the CMF platform to produce compact models such as the Kwid, Kiger, and Triber. This will transition to RGEF, which will support factory-fitted CNG options, new powertrains, and next-generation digital and electronic architecture. Updated versions of the Kiger and Triber, including CNG variants and a new powertrain for the Triber, will be introduced under this platform, priced below ₹10 lakh.

EU's CBAM expansion may hit Indian exporters

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE European Union has planned to significantly expand its Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and will include 180 new steel and aluminium-based products under the CBAM tax from January 2028, as per a draft proposal by the European Parliament's environment committee.

This move is likely to raise the costs for a wide range of Indian manufactured exports. In a report issued on April 10, the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) recommended to bring more products under the scope of CBAM and proposed to include nearly 180 additional steel and aluminium-based products



ADDING NEW CHALLENGES FOR ENGG. EXPORTS

1 Carbon tax likely to raise costs for a range of Indian manufactured exports

2 CBAM may include 180 additional products from January 1, 2028

3 GTRI warns most industrial products entering EU could face carbon tax

4 This could increase compliance costs for Indian manufacturers

ufactured goods. The list of goods include a wide range of products like fabricated metal products, tubes, pipes, fasteners, structural components, machinery parts, aluminium containers, and other semi-finished and finished engineering goods.

The announcement came at a time when India and the EU are heading to implement the freshly negotiated free trade agreement by the end of this calendar year. CBAM has always

been one of the major point of contention between the two sides. "Many of Indian agricultural exports will be affected under the EU's deforestation regulations. Indian exporters selling into Europe may therefore need to accelerate emissions accounting, supply-chain traceability, and decarbonisation investments to remain competitive in one of India's most important export markets," stated the GTRI report.



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Doddaballapur Branch

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property
E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Doddaballapur Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07.05.2026**, for recovery of **Rs.17,03,226/-** (Rupees Seventeen lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Six only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From **Mr.Achyutha Reddy S/o Venkataravanappa and Mrs. Sowmya.R** S/o Achyutha Reddy and **Mr. Lokesh.V** S/o Venkataravanappa (Guarantor) as on 16.04.2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 24,50,000** (Rupees Twenty Four lakh Fifty thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,45,000** (Rupees Two lakh Forty five Thousand only)
Description of the Immoveable Property
All that Piece and Parcel of Immoveable Residential property bearing Site No.27, Assessment No.28/4/27, Katha No.28/24/27 Situated at Shanubhoganahalli village, HessarghattaHobli, Yelahanka Taluk Bangalore urban District measuring East to West 41.5 ft & North to south 26.51 ft totally 1100 sq.ft.
Same is bounded as under: To the East: Road, To the West: Site No.28 and 29, To the North: Site No.27A, To the South:Road
Known Encumbrance : NIL
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(https://www.canfinhomes.com/ Search Auction.aspx).
Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

DATE: 16.04.2026
Place : Doddaballapur



PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified that, my client Sri. Ahmed Razak Khan, Aged about 39 years, Rtd. 147, 10th Main, B.C.C. Layout, 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560040, has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Sri. Shashikant Nagaraj, S/o. Late Sri.A. Nagaraj and Late Smt.A.R. Indira and his family members, Rtd.19, 4th Cross Road, Akshay Nagar, Begur Post, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560114 and if any person/entity including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, bank(s), financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors, have any manner of right, title and interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claims or objection/s shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes and such claim/s or Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 19, bearing New PID No.9440580611, vide the E-katha dt.21.05.2025, issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 30 Feet (9.14 Meters) and North to South 40 Feet (12.19 Meters), having an area of 1200 Sq.ft., Ward No.128, formed by Bangalore City Municipal Corporation Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore, in Survey Numbers 11, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 13/1, 13/2, 14 and 16 of Gangondanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly released by the Bangalore Development Authority vide BDA Commissioners' Order No.16778, dated 23-02-1995, and bounded on the:
East by: Site No.18,
West by: Site No.20,
North by: Site No.6,
South by: Road.
NACHIKET JOSHI ADVOCATE
JOSHI LAW CHAMBERS
#401, 4th Floor, Ashika's Ultima, Opp. Hotel Hoyalys, Sheshadripuram Main Road, Bangalore - 560 020 Mob. : 88675 03905

THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED
- MARK TWAIN


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STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankara Puram (64063)
3rd Floor No. 13/1, Kanaka's Pride Bull temple Road,
Opp: Ramakrishna Mutt, Shankara Puram Bengaluru- 560004
Tel: 080-25943006 -25943007
Email: support.shankarapuram@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable property) [Rule 8(1)]
A/C: No. 43093455259 /DRS
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankara Puram Bengaluru, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a Demand Notice dated 02.02.2026 & Published in Newspaper on 12.02.2026 calling upon the Borrowers : Mr. Mohammed Fasi Khan S/o Mr. Mohammed Salman, Residency@ No. 35, Vishweshwaraiah Layout Meddayerpet, Vishwasmadam Post, Bangalore- 560091, And also at: 1) No.304, 3rd Floor, "AKKRUTHI LL" Chikadunnasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562125 & 2) YOUN Research Pvt. Ltd., 148, Sri Guru Raghavendra Complex, Basaweshwara Circle, BEML 3rd Stage Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Above Union Bank, Bangalore-560098, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 46,78,918/- (Rupees Forty-six Lakh Seventy-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub. of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 16/04/2026
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount Rs. 46,85,872/- as on 15.04.2026 and interest from 16.04.2026 costs, etc., thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.1502001001007000210 Site No.163, Katha No. 10/163, as per Form No.9 & 11A issued by the Yamare Grampanchayath, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, formed in converted Sy. No.8, APARTMENT bearing No. 304 in the Third floor measuring 1040 Sq. Feet of Super Built-up Area, containing Two Bedrooms, One Hall One Kitchen One attached bathroom and One Common Bathroom together with one Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as "AKKRUTHI LL" and the flat is fast in the name of "Mr. Mohammed Fasi Khan S/o Mr. Mohammed Salman" and bounded on: **East by:** Flat No.303, **North by:** Entry Corridor, **West by:** Flat No.305, **South by:** Open to Sky.
Absolute Sale Deed is registered on 04.07.2024 in favour of "Mr. Mohammed Fasi Khan S/o Mr. Mohammed Salman" in the office of SRO Basavanagudi (Banashankari) Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. BSK-1-04732/2024-SR0 dated 04.07.2024
Date: 16-04-2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

228.00 Sq.ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.150200100100700023, Site No.163, Katha No. 10/163, as per Form No.9 & 11A issued by the Yamare Grampanchayath, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, formed in converted Sy. No.8, APARTMENT bearing No. 304 in the Third floor measuring 1040 Sq. Feet of Super Built-up Area, containing Two Bedrooms, One Hall One Kitchen One attached bathroom and One Common Bathroom together with one Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such passages, lobbies, staircase, contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property known as "AKKRUTHI LL" and the flat is fast in the name of "Mr. Mohammed Fasi Khan S/o Mr. Mohammed Salman" and bounded on: **East by:** Flat No.303, **North by:** Entry Corridor, **West by:** Flat No.305, **South by:** Open to Sky.
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Date: 16-04-2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA



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Vidyanarayapura Branch

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property
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NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Vidyanarayapura Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06.05.2026** for recovery of **Rs.52,16,905/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Five only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.AMRUTH BAIRYand Mrs.DEEPA.R (Borrowers)**, as on 16.04.2026 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 49,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,90,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Thousand only)
Description of the Immoveable Property
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property being abearing Eastern portion of Site/building bearing No.1, formed in land in Sy.No.16/2 of Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (duly converted for the purpose of non-agricultural residential purpose in order No.B.D.IS.ALN.SR(S)145/1999-2000, dt.24.04.2000, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), now comes within the limits of BBMP Ward No.192 and assigned Khatha No.2259/229/1, and measuring East to West: On Northern Side: 75 Feet, On Southern Side: 55 Feet and North to South: On Eastern Side: 116 Feet and Western Side: 146 Feet in all measuring 8515 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:- **Boundaries:** East by: Private property; West by: Western portion of Site No.1; North by: Private property; South by : Road;
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 300 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule A Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment Flat bearing No.503, in the Fourth floor of residential complex now known as "KRANTHI ENCLAVE", with 1450 Sq ft of super built up area, consisting of two bedrooms, one hall, one Kitchen, three balconies, two bathrooms together with 300 Sq ft of undivided share,along with all other amminites lift and car parking space title right and interest and co-ownership rights in the land described in the Schedule 'A' Property along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use:- Village : Yelenahalli, Hobli: Begur, Taluk: Bangalore South Taluk, District: Bangalore, Extend of Land: 1450 Sq ft of super built up area.,East by : East facing Flat; West by : Open to Sky; North by: Flat No.504 & 505; South by: Flat No.501 & 502 ;
Encumbrance : NIL
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/ SearchAuction.aspx).
Link for participating in e-auction :www.auctionbazaar.com
Date: 16.04.2026
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

DATE: 16.04.2026
Place : Bangalore



Canara Bank
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Head Office: Bangalore

SALE NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable /movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06.05.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM)**, for recovery of **Rs. 3,91,40,706.93 as on 26.03.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from (1) Smt. B K Prema W/o T Varadaraju, (2) Sri Varadaraj T S/o Thimmarayappa, Both are residing at: Nallur Village, Hanumanahalli Post,Mulbagal Taluk,Kolar District-563127. (3) Shri Raghu K S/o G Krishanappa Opp. to APMC Yard, St. Annes School Main Road, Mulbagal, Kolar District-563131.
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **05.05.2026 -5.00 pm.**
(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Land and Building Site No.135/1 of Dugasandra Hobli, Mulabagal Taluk, Kolar District. Total Extent of the land 1 acre 37 Guntas and Total Extent of the Plot 1.925 acres. Coordinates of the property Latitude- 13.162750, Longitude- 78.267083	₹. 16.00	₹. 16.60	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>) portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank**, (Ph. No. 8598009010, 9966397756, 8949226557 and 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.
Date : 16.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank



बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda
Ground Floor No.115/1, Ganitha Nilaya, Main Road, Aradeshahalli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka-562110

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- II-A & IV-A [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 6 (2) & 8 (6)]
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts/ The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor (s)/ Guarantor (s) /Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ and Guarantor/s	Detailed description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name: Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu & Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu)	Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1.	Shri Venu Madhav Boddu S/o Sita Ram Raju (Borrower) Flat No G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100 Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu U/o Venu Madhav Boddu (Co-Borrower) Flat No G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100	SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.,) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Portion of the Sy.Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, West by: Portion of the Sy.Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi,M, North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.,) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Private property, West by: Portion of the property gifted to Saraswathi M, North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: (Description of the UDS) An undivided share in the land of the schedule A property equivalent to 375 sq. ft., with all right, title and interest and ownership of the land in the total land of schedule A property referred to above. SCHEDULE C PROPERTY (Description of the Apartment) Equitable Mortgage Dated 18.03.2025 of all that part and parcel of the Flat bearing No.G-05 in Ground floor, measuring 1200 sq. ft., of super built up area constructed over the schedule A property containing two bedrooms, kitchen, dining, 2 toilets, living room, with one car parking bearing in the Apartment known as "KRITAN IRIS" together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in schedule B property referred to above along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use. In the name of Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu and Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu. Corsai ID - 400083093196 (Housing loan) Corsai ID - 400083093311 (Top Up Loan) Boundaries of the Flat: North: Road, South: Flat No.G-08, East: Flat No.G-06, West: Flat No.G-04.	Rs. 66,51,231/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Only) One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Only as on 16/04/2026 Plus further interest and charges till date.	04/05/2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 03/05/2026 upto 04.00 PM	Reserve Price: Rs. 70,20,000/- EMD: Rs. 7,02,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs.20,000/-	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from 20.04.2026 to 20.04.2026 till 04.00 PM

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal https://baanknet.com
For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on 963211208 and 7021566037
Date: 16-04-2026, Place: Bengaluru

Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda



DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 1
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
O.A. No. 839/2022
Between: HDFC Bank Ltd., Having Branch Office at, Municipal No. 3/1, Ground Floor, Rashtrrothana Bhavan, Ward No. 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560 001. **...Applicant**
And: Mr. Mohammed Mehaboob, aged about 47 years, S/o. Khasim Sab, Residing at No. 294, Flat No. 303, 3rd Floor Munavari Apartment , Thimmaiah Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 001, PAN: AMMPM744ID
Also at : Mr. Mohammed Mehaboob, Proprietor M/s. Unique Creations, 2nd Floor, 256 Jain Temple Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 001. **...Defendants**
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.20,84,556.84** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Eighty Four Only) together with current and future interest and other relief/s. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **15/06/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as to why the relief/s prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 17.11.2025
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore



Canara Bank
ARM-1 Branch
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable and immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07.05.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30AM)**, for recovery of **Rs. 6,09,70,245.46 /-** (Rupees Six crores Nine lakhs Seventy thousand Two hundred and forty five and paise forty six only) as on **01.04.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from (1) **Shri Senthil Elumalai** S/o Elumalai Govindaraj, # 10, O 2nd Street, Near Shree Complex, Shivan Chetty Gardens, Bangalore-560042, (2) **M/s PSB Distributors**, 19/1, Sadashiva Reddy Compound , Behind Baldwin School, R M Nagar Main Road, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560043, (3) **Shri Senthil Elumalai**, R/o 401/7, 14th Main, Old Madivala, BTM 1st stage, Bengaluru-560029. (4) **Shri Bhaskar M.** No. 1534, 39th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041.
The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **06.05.2026, 5.00 pm.**
(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Flat No.F-402 3rd floor F block, Sy No.108/3, 108/2, Measuring super built up area of 1089 Sqft along with 400 Sqft of undivided interest in land at Garden Residency Apartment, Bommasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099. Boundries: North: open to sky of the apartment building, South: Common corridor, East: open to sky of the apartment building, West: Residential apartment prively numbered as F-401. Coordinates of the property: Latitude-12.8053267N, Longitude-77.6770091.	₹. 39.00	₹. 3.90	₹. 1.00
2	Flat No. F-403 3rd floor F block, Sy No.108/3, 108/2, Measuring super built up area of 1089 Sq ft along with 400 Sqft of undivided interest in land at Garden Residency Apartment, Bommasandra, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099. Boundries: North: common corridor, South: open to sky of the apartment building, East: open to sky of the apartment building, West: Residential apartment prively numbered as F-404. Coordinates of the property: Latitude-12.8053267N, Longitude-77.6770091.	₹. 39.00	₹. 3.90	₹. 1.00
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3	Grinder – 4 Nos	90,000.00
4	Coconut Chopper – 1 No	10,000.00
5	Ata Mixing Machine – 1 No	15,000.00
6	Burner Stove – 1 No	50,000.00
7	Chiller – 1 No	15,000.00
	Ground Floor	
8	Chats Counter – 1 No	40,000.00
9	Coffer Counter – 1 No	40,000.00
10	Cash Counter	30,000.00
11	Computers – 2 Nos	12,000.00
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VAISHALI, THE OG SISTER NOW WORLD CONTENDER

From being known as Pragg's sibling in the last few years, the 24-year-old has carved her legacy

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

EVEN as Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa was beginning to make waves within Chennai's imposing chess circle, he wasn't even the best player in his immediate family. That honour went to R Vaishali. His elder sister, the story goes, had even beaten Magnus Carlsen in an over-the-board simul in Chennai when the Norwegian had come to India to take part in the World Championship match against Viswanathan Anand in 2013. So, Pragg, even though he was breaking several age-group records, was still known as Vaishali's brother. That, though, changed very quickly as he started racking up the required norms to make Grandmaster. In 2018, after Pragg had become GM at the age of 12, there was a role reversal of sorts.

Vaishali had become Pragg's sister. In her own way, she was making a name for herself on the world stage. She had become an IM and had two GM norms but the third and final one took time to come. It began to eat at her. In the interim, her brother, who took to the game after watching his sister, had become a super GM.

Enroute Hangzhou for the 2023 Asian Games, Vaishali confessed about this pressure to her trainer, Sandipan Chanda. Chanda gave her a priceless piece of advice. Forget about the final norm or the rating points. Play chess like how you used to play when you were young. Since then, the Chennai girl has won four FIDE Classical tournaments, the most by any player in this time period. On Wednesday, she won her fourth. Playing the biggest match of her life, she beat Kateryna Lagno to earn a shot at the world title. Standing outside the playing hall was her little brother. Pragg had become her brother again. A cycle had quietly completed.

Chennai has a lot of recreational chess players. They all start playing the game because parents tend to buy their kids chess sets to wean them off screens (chess is usually the preferred distraction as it's indoors, away from the harsh sun). That's exactly what Nagalakshmi did. Vaishali, when she was around six, was borderline addicted to Pogo and Cartoon Network. Her parents were concerned with her screen time so they decided to keep her busy. Apart from drawing classes, they put her in a chess

class. Within six months, she showed an aptitude for the game. It kind of helped that sibling Pragganandhaa, around 3 at the time, liked to toy with the pieces on the board.

Vaishali's world changed in 2024. What players take a lifetime to achieve, she did in a 10-month period. A first Grand Swiss crown. The third and final GM norm. Rated over 2500. A first Candidates appearance. An Olympiad gold with the women's team. When she spoke to this daily after that gold in Budapest, she called it a dream year. "It's been great," she had said. It was during this interview where she openly spoke about her issues with meeting the final GM norm. "When I won the Grand Swiss (in 2023), my mindset changed," she had reflected. "Earlier, I used to take in a lot of pressure to complete the GM title. Every tournament I played, I was trying to increase my rating, get GM norms as it was my big dream. The pressure was not helping me to play my best chess. That's when I started to play freely, like how I used to play when I was a kid."

GM Srinath Narayanan, who worked with Vaishali during a Covid-era online Olympiad, says Vaishali is very 'resourceful'. In this context, it means her ability to keep fighting, reducing it to a tactical battle. She showed an example of that on Wednesday when she found the 40. c4 idea, something Lagno didn't legislate for in the position. Ideas like these, Narayanan said, 'comes through a lot when you are from Chennai'.

At the Chennai Grand Masters event in August 2025, Vaishali suffered. Mentally. Competing in the Challengers section, she picked up one point over nine games. By the time the competition had finished, she had not only stopped giving interviews but was contemplating whether to take part in the Grand Swiss in September, a qualifying tournament for the Candidates. Pragg and Karthikeyan Murali, another GM from Ramesh's Academy, talked her out of a dark place. Post that pep talk, though, she fought through self doubts and landed in Samarkand with renewed purpose. She won three Classical games to start her tournament. A smile had returned to her face. It was the same smile inside the playing venue of the luxury resort on Wednesday.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



R Vaishali with brother Pragganandhaa & mom Nagalakshmi | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

She has always been more attack-minded than Pragg: Ramesh



SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bengaluru

RB RAMESH was a very proud man on Wednesday night. An hour before he boarded the flight to Cyprus to see R Vaishali's crowning moment on Thursday, the coach spoke about his long-standing partnership with the new Candidates winner, his thoughts right now and her style of play. Excerpts:

■ You have coached Vaishali for around the last 15 years. Your first thoughts Really happy she has won the tournament. There wasn't much time on the clock when she made those two correct, consecutive moves (39. Rd8+ and 40. c4). It was in such a crucial moment of the game as she had to come up with the correct solution.

■ What does this mean for her career? Everyone's dream would be to become a world champion and she's one step closer to achieving it. For that to happen, you need to go through a qualification process. There is one major challenge before she can get that title. After the initial celebrations are over, you have to (start) planning for that.

■ There was a point of time in her career when she was frustrated. How would you describe that phase? There will always be ups and downs in a player's career. Vaishali has had her share of ups and downs. Despite all that, what matters is we keep the journey on and not lose hope in ourselves. Make use of the chances that come our way and she has managed to do that exactly.

■ How would you describe her game? Generally, she likes to attack. Very inclined to be aggressive. Sometimes, she used to sacrifice a pawn for attack but the attack would not come and she used to lose for such reasons. It was a bit confusing when to sacrifice, when to take risk and when to hold. But these are phases everyone has to go through. Generally, though, she is more aggressively inclined in comparison to, say, Pragg.

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Slow & steady: Ngidi's plan

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

THE slower delivery of pacers in T20 cricket can be considered a double-edged sword. The delivery is high-risk but the rewards can win matches. It also has little room for error. Miss the length by millimetres, and the ball is bound to fly high into the sky, towards the stands. In the present era of T20s, where most of the teams play an aggressive brand of cricket, batters know how to punish such balls.

But someone who has mastered the dipping slower ball could convert it into just another dot ball, which would be crucial in high-pressure situations. One such pacer who has been on the right side of things is Delhi Capitals' Lungi Ngidi.

In the T20 World Cup earlier, the Proteas pacer, who can bowl at around 140KPH, consistently deceived batters with his slower ones. He concluded his WC campaign with 12 wickets with an economy rate of 7.19. This season with Delhi he has continued to make life difficult for batters. In four games so far, the 30-year-old has scalped five wickets, with an economy rate of 8.04.

While his skills are there to see, his mindset and confidence

to bowl such balls comes from the time he puts in during training. Additionally, bowling at the powerplay and at the death overs, where bowlers in most cases tend to not have the edge over the batters, has also been a contributing factor to his positive mindset. "It takes a lot mentally (to execute slow balls). It's a brave ball to bowl because when you get it wrong, it can become a low full toss or a slot ball and go for a boundary. The confidence comes from preparation. I've been doing it for years and I'm used to bowling under pressure," he told in a media interaction on Thursday.

"I bowl in the powerplay and at the death, so it's always high-risk. Like the coach says, someone has to do the dirty job, and I guess that's my role. So I have to find ways to succeed. That includes variations, changing grips, and trying different things."

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KNIGHTS FACE TITANS

UNDER PRESSURE KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS WOULD BE HOPING TO STEM THE ROT AGAINST A RESURGENT GUJARAT TITANS SIDE ON FRIDAY. A LOOK...

KKR's lack of clarity

The lack of clarity from captain Ajinkya Rahane and the team management has held KKR back. The batting lineup so far has looked unsettled. Tactical lapses like these need to be addressed.

GT eye 1st home win

Titans lost their only home game so far this season to Rajasthan. However, they will take confidence from two big wins on the road. With skipper Shubman Gill and Jos Buttler finding form, they will seek momentum.

GT vs KKR, Ahmedabad
LIVE on Star Sports and JioHotstar, 7.30PM



Quinton hundred only silver lining for MI

ENS @ Chennai

QUINTON de Kock's fine hundred went in vain as Prabhsimran Singh and Shreyas Iyer blasted blistering fifties to steer Punjab Kings to a seven-wicket win over Mumbai Indians in their IPL match here on Thursday.

Sent in to bat, De Kock blasted a scintillating unbeaten 60-ball 112 to power Mumbai Indians to 195 for six. De Kock forged a 122-run alliance off 68 balls with Naman Dhir (50) and then added another 41 off 23 with skipper Hardik Pandya (14). Arshdeep Singh (3/22) claimed three wickets, while Shashank Singh (1/19) took one wicket.

Chasing the total, Prabhsimran (80 not out off 39 balls) and skipper Iyer (66 off 35 balls)



Prabhsimran Singh of Punjab Kings celebrates his fifty | ICC

shared a match-winning 139-run stand off 67 balls for the third wicket as Punjab overhauled the target in 16.3 overs. AM Ghazanfar (2/31) picked up two wickets.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai Indians 195/6 in 20 ovs (De Kock 112 n.o.; Arshdeep 3/22) lost to Punjab Kings 198/3 in 16.3 ovs (Prabhsimran 80 n.o.; Shreyas 66; Ghazanfar 2/31).

Ex-IOA chief Ramachandran passes away

ENS @ Chennai

FORMER Indian Olympic Association president N Ramachandran breathed his last in Chennai on Thursday. He was the World Squash Federation (WSF) president from 2008 to 2016. Ramachandran has not been keeping well for quite some time and will be a big loss for the squash fraternity. He served as the secretary general of the Squash Racket Federation of India and led squash revolution in India starting the fabled Indian Squash Academy in Chennai. Brother of former BCCI head N Srinivasan, he passed away at 77.



Biggest producer of PEDs and illegal steroids is in India, says WADA chief

ENS @ Chennai

FROM consumption to production, India seems to be on top of the doping ladder. World Anti-Doping Agency chief Witold Banka said as much. Doping is a serious problem in India and it is not just limited to positive cases. "The biggest producer of Performance Enhancing Drug (PEDs) and steroids is in India," he said on the final day of the Global Anti-Doping Intelligence and Investigations Network (GAIN) Final Conference in Delhi. He conceded that it is a serious problem more so because "the Olympic Games, World Championships, major sporting events are not possible without WADA's stamp, without WADA's compliance regulations."

"India is very ambitious when it comes to organizing sporting events with future plans," he said. "I remember when I was at the IOC session (in Mumbai), where the Prime Minister Modi declared the vision for the future, including the hosting of Olympic Games. It will not be

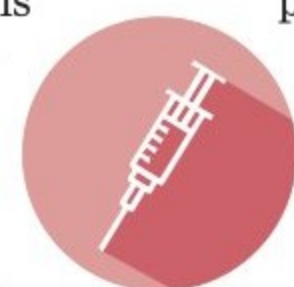
possible without a strong anti-doping policy."

Banka said that doping is a problem in India. Apart from the positive cases, he said there is no doubt that the biggest production of illegal performance-enhancing drugs and illegal steroids is in India. "The main target, the biggest producer of the world, is in India," he said when asked about the launching of WADA's Operation Upstream in India. "There is no doubt that the biggest production of illegal performance-enhancing drugs and illegal steroids is in India."

This is one of the most ambitious projects of the WADA that targets supply chains of Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDs) and is in collaboration with the INTERPOL and other international agencies. In India, WADA has requested the Central Bureau of Investigation to collaborate with them to curtail the menace. "I had a very productive meeting with the CBI and they offered to help. We believe that we can

work hand-in-hand to tackle this problem," he said, without giving details of the operation in India as it is confidential. "There is no doubt that we have a problem with doping in India," the WADA chief said. "But I see the willingness from the government side and from NADA to address this issue. To work stronger on the anti-doping programme here. We need to have a broader education, not only to catch and punish, but to prevent and support, especially young athletes and the children." The WADA chief also said that he had a constructive dialogue with the sports ministry and NADA. "We have changed the views. I was very honest and very clear that we, as WADA, expect stronger engagement and commitment," he said. "At NADA, we have strengthened our intelligence and investigation team, and apart from adding resources, we have also added their skillset in the workshop, which was conducted under this project itself."

Full story: newindianexpress.com



EXPRESS READ

French Open prize money up 10 per cent

PARIS: French Open prize money has increased by about 10% for an overall pot of 61.7 million euros. The total amount is up 5.3 million euros from last year. Play begins on May 24 at Roland Garros in western Paris. Men's and women's singles champions each receive 2.8 million euros and the runners-up 1.4 million euros.

Hamburg Open: Joshna and Chotrani advance

HAMBURG: Joshna Chinappa and Veer Chotrani advanced in the Hamburg Open squash, while compatriots Velavan Senthilkumar and Tanvi Khanna bowed out in the opening round here. Joshna eased past local challenger Saskia Beinhard 11-4, 11-5, 11-4, while Chotrani beat Spain's Ivan Perez 11-8, 11-9, 11-8.

Messi sued for breaching USD 7mn contract

MIAMI: Lionel Messi is being sued by a Miami-based event promoter who says the soccer icon violated terms of a \$7 million contract by missing an exhibition match last year. Vid Music Group filed the lawsuit for fraud and breach of contract against Messi and the Argentine Football Association in Miami-Dade circuit court last month, according to court records.

Anxious Arsenal enter CL semifinals

AGENCIES @ London

MIKEL Arteta insisted Arsenal's angst-ridden progress to the Champions League semifinals proved they have the character to cope with the mounting pressure of their bid to end a six-year trophy drought. Meanwhile, late strikes from Luis Diaz and Michael Olise sealed a dramatic 4-3 win for Bayern Munich over Real Madrid, clinching a 6-4 aggregate victory and setting up a semifinal with holders Paris Saint-Germain.

Arteta's side survived an anxious quarterfinal second leg

against Sporting Lisbon on Wednesday as they held on for a goalless draw that secured a 1-0 aggregate victory. They were well below their best, but Sporting couldn't take advantage as Geny Catamo went closest for the visitors with a first-half volley that smacked off the post.

It was the latest in a growing list of spluttering displays from Arsenal, who have lost three of their last five games in all competitions, winning just once in that period. But Arteta is adamant Arsenal's ability to grind out yet another vital result, despite an ugly performance,

showed their spirit and desire remain strong amid criticism of their perceived mental weakness. "We are not perfect, we recognise that, but there is value in what the players have done," said Arteta, whose club face Atletico Madrid in the semifinals. "My message was gratitude for the effort they put in. We had to do it in a very special way, missing a lot of important players. We had many things that are important in getting a result. It is about how you compete and when you are trying to win titles that is what you need," he said.

ROAD TO T20WC

SA series chance for youngsters to make a mark, says captain Kaur

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN India women landed in Australia for the multi-format series earlier this year, they had 11 matches to prepare for the T20 World Cup in June. Harmanpreet Kaur and Co beat the hosts in the shortest format, made history and ticked a few boxes in the process before losing the ODIs and only Test.

Cut to present, the number of matches have come down to

eight — five of those begin Friday against South Africa in South Africa on Friday. From India's perspective, this series offers a chance for some of the younger players in the team to make an impression and move up the pecking order ahead of the T20 World Cup. And it shows in the squad the selectors have named, which includes Bharti Fulmali, Kashvee Gautam and uncapped Anushka Sharma.

It is not something new as

well. In the last two years or so, Indian team has seen an influx of youngsters coming through and going out at some point or other. Over the last few months, Vaishnavi Sharma and G Kamalini made their debuts for India after the ODI World Cup triumph. Now, both are not a part of this series. While Vaishnavi has missed out due to combinations, Kamalini, who was injured earlier and is fit now, was replaced by Uma Chetry.



India captain Harmanpreet Kaur with SA skipper Laura Wolvaardt | BCCI

SA vs India, 1st T20I, Durban | LIVE on Star Sports and JioHotstar, 9.30PM

The bigger blow, meanwhile, is the injury to all-rounder Amanjot Kaur whose back issues seem to have resurfaced. "Aman being in the team covers a lot of other things (in terms of balance)," Harmanpreet explained on the eve of the first T20I. "As Aman is injured now, she is not available. If Vaishnavi is not there, that doesn't mean she is not part of our scheme. But the only thing is, whatever changes we have made, it's only

about the team combination and the conditions over here. When you come to South Africa, you have to go with at least four medium-pace options because the pitches are different here. If you play in India, you can always cut down one pacer and go with an extra spinner. Now we have to cover our medium-pace side. That's why we have brought Kashvee in the team," she added.

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Ball tracker



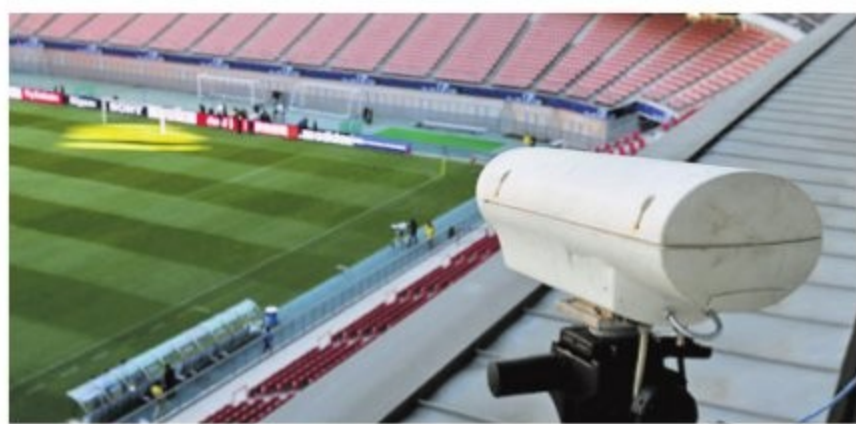
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FROM

SMART STUMPS TO HAWK-EYE



The technology stack running the IPL

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

In the Indian Premier League, the loudest moments still come from the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd. But increasingly, some of the most important moments are decided by machines.

From glowing stumps to ball-tracking systems and AI-assisted umpiring tools, the IPL in 2026 is being run on one of the most sophisticated sports technology stacks in the world. What fans see on television in a few seconds is the result of a deeply connected system of cameras, sensors, audio processors and real-time data engines working behind the scenes.

At the centre of it all is Hawk-Eye, the ball-tracking technology that has become the backbone of modern cricket. Multiple high-speed cameras placed around the stadium capture the ball from the moment it leaves the bowler's hand. Those images are then stitched together into a three-dimensional trajectory model that helps determine LBW decisions, wides and no-balls with accuracy.

This season, that system has moved beyond traditional LBW calls. After its successful use for waist-high no-balls in 2024 and wides in 2025, the technology now plays an even bigger role in line and height assessments, sharply reducing subjectivity in umpiring, resulting in fewer arguments, faster decisions.

Alongside Hawk-Eye sits UltraEdge, the audio-visual system that detects the faintest contact between bat and ball. Sensitive microphones and high-frame-rate cameras work together to produce the spike viewers see on screen. In packed stadiums where crowd noise can drown out almost everything, AI-powered filtering tools are now being used to isolate the sound signature of the ball brushing the edge of the bat.

Additionally, Spidercam is giving viewers a dramatic bird's-eye view. Suspended above the ground on four high-tension Kevlar cables and controlled by motorised winches, the camera glides smoothly across the stadium in three dimensions. This allows broadcasters to capture sweeping shots of the field, close tracking visuals of bowlers during their run-up, and immersive crowd and celebration moments that make the telecast feel cinematic.

Then comes the smart stumps, perhaps the most visible piece of technology in the game.

These are no longer simple wooden posts. Modern IPL stumps contain embedded LED circuits, microprocessors and pressure-sensitive sensors. The moment the bails are disturbed, they flash instantly and send a time-stamped signal to the third umpire and broadcast control room. In close run-out calls, that split-second precision often decides the match.

Beyond officiating, the technology stack now extends into viewer experience. Smart replay systems feed the third umpire with live streams from multiple high-speed cameras, while broadcasters layer real-time pitch maps, wag-on wheels, predictive win percentages and field heat maps on screen. AI models are also being used by teams to study bowling patterns, field placements and match-ups over previous seasons.

In the IPL today, every close call, every replay and every edge carries the imprint of a machine working in real time. Cricket still belongs to the players. But increasingly, its truth belongs to the tech.

DoT, Sebi join hands to curb telecom-linked investment frauds

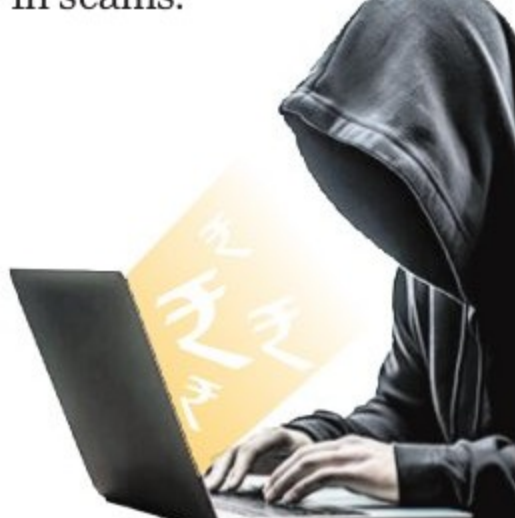
RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

In a bid to check stock market and investment scams, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) have partnered to stop fraudsters from misusing mobile numbers for such fraudulent schemes.

Under this partnership, both sides will share important information to catch fraud early. DoT will provide Sebi with a system that can identify suspicious mobile numbers based on risk patterns. It will also share a list of mobile numbers that have already been disconnected due to fraud. This will help brokers and investment firms ensure investor accounts are linked only to genuine and active mobile numbers.

In return, Sebi will share details of accounts involved in cyber fraud, impersonation, or money mule activities. This will allow telecom authorities to quickly block or take action against such mobile numbers, preventing further misuse. All this information will be shared through a digital platform that connects 1,400 organisations, allowing real-time exchange of data and faster response. This makes the system more efficient in dealing with fraud.

This step is important as more people in India are investing through online platforms. By combining telecom data with market monitoring, authorities can now stop fraud before it happens. A special alert system will warn about risky mobile numbers that may be used in scams.



YouTube now lets you 'turn off' Shorts by setting a zero-min limit

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

YOUTUBE has come up with a new feature that allows users to stop seeing Shorts by setting their daily viewing limit to zero minutes. In simple terms, if you don't want to watch Shorts, the app will stop recommending them and limit access to the feed. Interestingly, this feature was ear-

lier limited to reducing Shorts usage, with a minimum limit of 15 minutes. Now, with the option to set the limit to zero, users can almost completely avoid short-form videos within the app. According to reports, the feature was first available under parental controls, but it is now being rolled out more widely to regular users on both Android and iOS.

It is part of YouTube's existing "Time management" settings, which are designed to help people control how much time they spend on the platform.

Short cut

According to YouTube, when the viewing limit is reached, the Shorts feed stops showing videos and displays a message saying that the daily limit has been hit. If the limit is set to zero minutes, Shorts are effectively removed from the main browsing experience. This may also reduce or completely remove Shorts from the Home feed, making it less likely for users to come across them while scrolling.

However, there is a catch. Shorts are not fully disabled across YouTube. Users can still access them through the Subscriptions tab or by opening individual Shorts directly through links or shared videos. This means the feature limits exposure rather than removing the format entirely. Overall, the update builds on YouTube's broader effort to give users more control over their

viewing habits, especially as short-form content continues to play a central role on the platform.

How to enable

The big question is how to enable this setting. To do this on YouTube, open the app and go to the Settings menu from your profile icon. There, inside Settings, tap on the "Time management" option, which in-

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FORGED IN STRUGGLE, COMMANDING THE WORD THE RELENTLESS RISE OF Flt Lt KP NAGESH

In a modest village nearly 60 kilometres from Bengaluru in Kanakapura taluk, Flt Lt KP Nagesh's story begins not with privilege, but with perspective. Born into a large agrarian family, where even two meals a day were uncertain, life was defined by simplicity, discipline, and quiet endurance.

Walking nearly 16 kilometres daily - often barefoot - to attend school was not a hardship he resented, but a rhythm he embraced. Poverty, for Nagesh, was never a limitation; it was a teacher. The values instilled by his parents, Putsidha Gowda and Siddhamma, and a disciplined primary school teacher, Channaveerappa, laid the foundation for a life anchored in honesty, resilience, and self-belief.

The Spark of Ambition

Nagesh's journey into engineering was not guided by awareness, but by audacity. A casual family remark - that no one in the surrounding villages could replicate a relative's engineering success - became a personal challenge.

With little understanding of academic pathways, he chose science, navigated uncertainty, and secured a government seat in engineering. Opting for mechanical engineering - the toughest, as he was told - was characteristic of his mindset: "If someone has done it, why not me?"

This philosophy would become his lifelong compass.

An Accidental Air Warrior

His entry into the Indian Air Force was almost accidental - motivated initially by the allure of free travel and food during selection trials. Yet, what followed was extraordinary.

From outperforming peers in physical endurance tests to overcoming language barriers in group discussions, Nagesh's raw determination stood out. Against all odds - including a near disqualification due to flat feet - he was selected.

Commissioned in 1988, his six-year tenure in the Air Force became a defining chapter. It was here that discipline transformed into identity. Exposure to advanced systems like the MIG-21 aircraft and SAM-3 missile operations expanded his worldview, while instilling precision, leadership, and adaptability.

Entrepreneurship: Built on Grit

Leaving the Air Force was not a retreat - it was a reinvention. With uncertainty looming, Nagesh entered the corporate world through a modest opportunity in the security sector. Within days, that opportunity evolved into



Lakshadweep.

Recognition followed, including multiple prestigious honours such as the President of India Gold Medals and the Chief Minister's Gold Medal - testaments to his commitment to nation-building.

Rotary: A Global Impact

If enterprise defined his growth, Rotary defined his global influence. Introduced to Rotary International through a chance connection, Nagesh embraced it with characteristic intensity.

As District Governor of Rotary International District 3190 (2015-16), he didn't just lead - he rewrote records. Establishing 52 new clubs, inducting over 2,000 members, and significantly increasing women and youth participation, he propelled the district to become the number one in the world.

Today, as Rotary International Director (2025-27), he stands among a select group of global leaders shaping humanitarian initiatives worldwide.

The Man Behind the Mission

Despite a life of achievements, Nagesh remains deeply grounded. He credits his wife, Uma, for being the pillar of strength who managed the family while he pursued multiple responsibilities. His children - an engineer-entrepreneur and a Chartered Accountant daughter - reflect the same pursuit of excellence.

Beyond professional success, his heart lies in giving back. From supporting the education of underprivileged students to connecting youth with employment opportunities, his interventions have quietly transformed countless lives.

A Life Philosophy

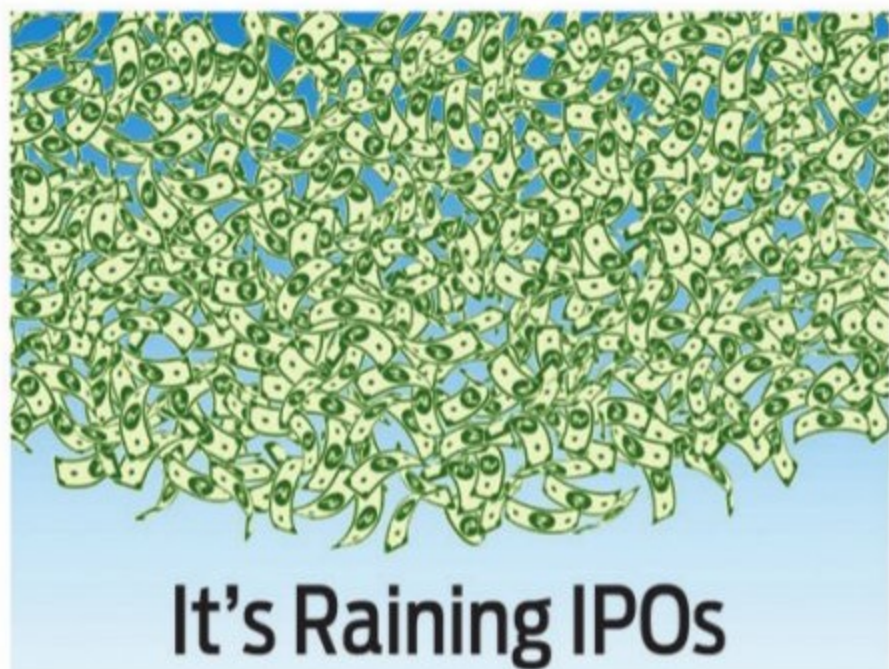
For Nagesh, success is not measured in titles, but in impact. His life mantra is disarmingly simple:

"Aim big to achieve big. Make a difference in someone's life. Be happy, and make people around you happy."

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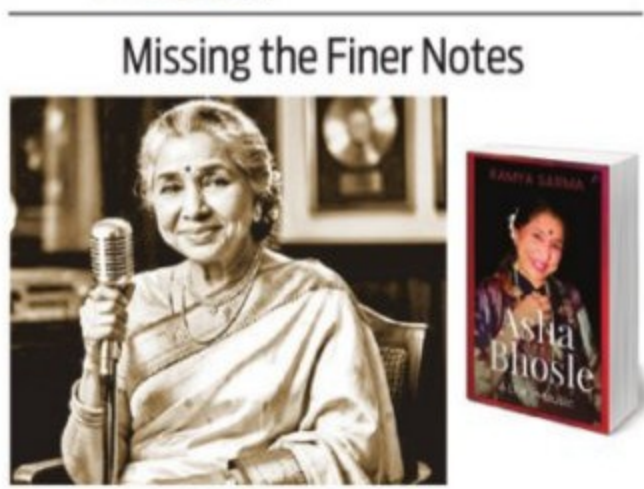


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